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"As I Picture Them There"

Dedicated to
Our Youth

Introduction

The story of our Gordon family is herein told. It is true as the records show and as it has been given to me by members of the family.

All have not been included, but all of whom information could be found. Nor is it final, as the story has no end but goes on to the coming generations when other pens may be invoked for the work.

It contains some traditions but they are stated as such, and although they cannot be entirely verified, they can be reasonably so.

Our earliest Gordon ancestor of whom we have records, was John Gordon of Virginia, who with his wife, Ruth, and their children removed to South Carolina in the year 1749. As I picture them there together in their new home in this province, around the fire on the stone hearth on a winter's evening, or on the porch in the twilight of a summer's day in the cool breezes from the river front beyond, it is my desire to gather together and preserve in this fashion of roof for us and for posterity, the records of them and of their descendants who have increased in numbers down through the years and scattered throughout the South and to other parts of our country, confident of the fact that by knowing more of and having the surety of our heritage, we can be better prepared to live in the present and meet the challenges of the future.

Then let us preserve with diligence our memories, traditions and history, not only for our own pride and benefit, but for the benefit of the generations to come.

Erminie Northcutt Marshall

"He only deserves to be remembered by posterity who treasures up and preserves the history of his ancestors."

EDMUND BURKE

Preface

Years of constant search among County Court records, land grants, plats, memorials, Council Journals, Censuses, War Records, family Bibles, tombstone inscriptions, church minutes, pensions, county, state and family histories, old newspapers and letters, and corresponding with numerous Gordon descendants, and others, has made it possible to follow this gallant family from its earliest times in America, through the trails on down to the present day.

To the author it has been a fascinating work.

Finding them in most of the Southern States helping to blaze the trails to open up and develop the lands. Playing their part in building the townships and cities and in helping to form the government and shape society. Fighting for liberty and the defense of their rights, it would seem that their history is almost the history of the States of the South.

Interesting stories of romance, valor, humor and pathos have appeared in the search, and although some of the records were lost in fires, some in wars and other calamities, some are illegible, and others that would have been interesting and valuable were suffered to pass away unrecorded, enough have been found to bind the links together and preserve the story.

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Apology is offered for any mistakes that may have been made through typographical errors, and for information that was incorrectly given.

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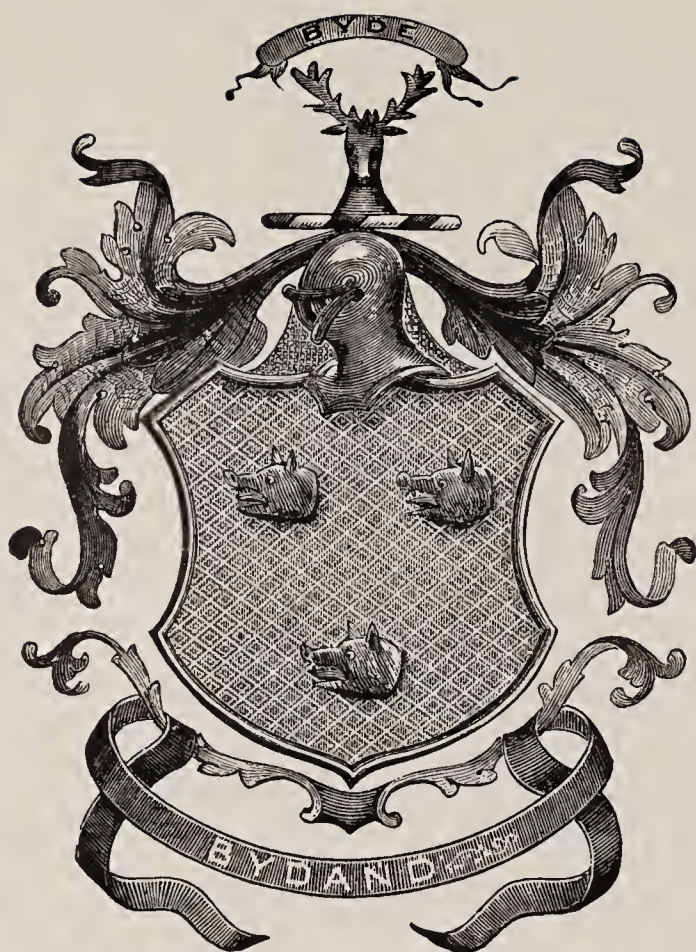
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Part I



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GORDONS OF SCOTLAND

It is said by all of our Gordon families that our Gordons were from Scotland, and a tradition that records show most likely to be true is that they came to America in the latter part of the seventeenth century, and that Adam Gordon was the immigrant. They went first to Maryland and from there to Fairfax and Spotsylvania Counties, Virginia. It is possible that they were of the Kenmure branch of the Gordons of Scotland who owned the lands of Lochinvar, since most of the Virginia Gordons were said to have been, and others of Fairfax County claim the descent.

The name Gordon is of great antiquity. It is said that the name originally came from Gordonia, a city of Macedonia.

It is known that the Gordons went into Normandy and reached Scotland from England as a part of the peaceful Norman invasion in the early twelfth century.

The earliest Scottish home of the Gordons was in Berwickshire, but they soon acquired land in other parts of the country. One of the family is said to have married a Galloway heiress and through her acquired the lands of Lochinvar in Southwest Scotland.

The first Gordon who appeared to take an individual part in the history of Scotland was Sir Adam, Lord of Gordon in Berwickshire. It is believed that a reward for his services to Bruce, who became king of Scots, was the charter of the land of Strathbogie that was given by Bruce to Sir Adam which became the center of the Gordon Clan.

Sir Adam gave the Galloway lands to his younger son William of Stichel who founded the family of Gordon of Lochinvar, later Viscount Kenmure, which has remained separate from the northern family since the fourteenth century. Viscount Kenmure added the property of Kenmure to that of Lochinvar in 1450. John Gordon of Lochinvar was created Viscount Kenmure in 1633.

The Gordons have been an active, romantic and adventurous race. They were known for their courage and fighting spirit.

“There are heroes of the name of Gordon who for valor and loyalty are hardly to be paralleled by any family in Britain and can’t be

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exceeded by any other in Europe.” From a “History of the Gordons.” Many songs and poems have been written by and about them. There is a book “The Gay Gordons,” *Lochinvar*, etc. William Gordon was the hero of the immortal poem “Young *Lochinvar*.”

The Gordon family has been prominent in America, also, its members have played important roles in war and peace. All Gordons have just cause to be proud of their family history and traditions.

Gordon Motto: “Animo non Astutia” (By courage not by stratagem.)

References: *The Clan Gordon*, Jean Dunlop; W. & A. K. Johnston’s *Clan Histories*; *Gordon Family Records* by J. Montgomery Seaver.

Quoting from a letter written to Mrs. B. D. Marshall by Mrs. C. A. Knight after Mrs. Knight’s visit to Europe, date August 8, 1957:

“Dear Erminie: I only wish you could have been with me in Scotland and have seen the Gordon Castles. It was Sunday when we went through and I was unable to get a picture. Our Courier tried to find a postcard with the Gordon Castle but was unable to do so. I thought I would try to get a photographer from the little town of Fochaber to make a picture and send it to me and I will send it on to you.

I wish I had had the records of John and Ruth Gordon of Fairfax Co., Va. while I was in Scotland. I found it was necessary to know exactly where they originated from in either Ireland or Scotland in order to connect the family; they seemed to think that our Gordons might have been from the southern branch of Scotland. The Northern Gordons were Catholics and the Southern branch Presbyterians. Originally they were all from the same family and came in there with William the Conqueror. There is a Gordon Regiment in Aberdeen and there are a number of songs about the regiment or the Gordons. Two that I bought “A Gordon for Me” and “Here’s to the Gordons,” so you see the Gordons are still quite popular in Scotland. The Gordon Castle at Huntly, now known as Huntly Castle as it was taken over by the Crown years ago, is now in a form of decay. The Gordon Castle at Fochaber is huge. The last Duke of Gordon, who was the fifth duke, died leaving no heirs, so

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the castle was sold to the Crown, who later sold it to a group of business men for the purpose of establishing a vacation resort for working people. At present it is closed and our guide said they were trying to decide what to do with it.

Sincerely, Clotilde¹

P. S. While we were having lunch in one of the hotels in Scotland the song "A Gordon for Me" came over the radio and it was a thrill for me. At first other tour members thought the guide had requested it for me.

The fifth Duke of Gordon was a very popular man and there is a monument in the town of Elgin to his memory. It seems that he was interested in agriculture and helped the people of that community along this line.

There are lots of hotels known as the "Gordon Arms," and a college in Huntly built by Lady Gordon.

There is a town known as Inter Gordon, property once owned by Gordons. Hotel there has the draperies and furniture upholstered in the Gordon tartan. Also Gordon tartan in the carpet in the lounge.

The Duke of Edinburgh attended a school in Gordontown.

In most instances they were on the side of Kings and Queens and attained fame and fortune. Huntly Castle was given to them by Bruce, 1112, I believe. The clan was known as the "Cock of the North."

They once owned land where Queen Elizabeth's Castle is now located, having married the heiress Bayne and acquired it by this marriage."

¹Clotilde (Mrs. C. A. Knight) married a second time after Mr. C. A. Knight's death and is now Mrs. Stanley Blower.

JOHN GORDON

*Our earliest Gordon ancestor of whom we
have records, and his family.
From Virginia to South Carolina*

John Gordon
Prince William Co., Va.
Fairfax Co., Va.
Berkeley Co., S. C. later
called Newberry Co., S. C.
Died intestate 1756
Wife, Ruth

Their children:

- I. Thomas Gordon
b. Prince William Co., Va.
- II. John Gordon, Jr.
b. Prince William Co., Va.
- III. Benjamin Gordon
b. Prince William Co., Va.
- IV. Ruth Gordon
b. Aug. 14, 1740, Prince William Co., Va.
- V. William Gordon
b. Fairfax Co., Va.
- VI. Govin Gordon
b. Fairfax Co., Va.
- VII. George Gordon
b. May 2, 1752, Berkeley Co., S. C.

On May 16, 1749 a deed of lease and release of a sale of 367 acres of land made by John Gordon, planter, and his wife, Ruth, of Truro Parish, County of Fairfax, Virginia, to William Evans, farmer of Lampeter, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, was admitted to record at the Fairfax County, Virginia, Court.

The 367 acres was the greatest part of a tract of 467 acres lying in the parish of Truro in Fairfax County, Virginia, that was a grant

John Gordon and Wife Ruth

to George Slater by the proprietors of the Northern Neck of Virginia March 4, 1730 on the branches of Clark's Run joining the land of the Widow Halling. John Gordon and his wife, Ruth, were selling the land "because of moving."

The consideration was one hundred and sixty pounds current money of Va. paid in full by William Evans. Deed Book B-I pp. 467-471, Fairfax County, Virginia.

Fairfax County, Virginia was formed from Prince William County, Virginia, date 1742, and the land that John Gordon, planter, and his wife Ruth sold to William Evans was in Prince William County, Virginia, when John Gordon, planter, then of Prince William Co., Va. purchased it from George Slater, planter, then of Prince William County, Virginia, and the deed of lease and release made by George Slater to John Gordon, date Jan. 27 and 28, 1733 described the land as being among the broken hills on branches of Clark's Run twelve miles above Goose Creek, joining the land of the Widow Hawlin.

Deed witnessed by Francis Awbrey, Thomas Awbrey, John Mead, Thomas Trenayler, proved by oaths of Francis Awbrey and affirmation of John Mead, a Quaker, July 18, 1734. (Deed Book B pp. 304-07 Prince William Co., Va. Jan. 27 & 28, 1733.)

At this same date, 1733, John Gordon was a witness to several deeds of sales of land made by George Slater in Prince William County, Virginia.

Feb. 25 & 26, 1733, John Gordon witnessed a deed of sale of 355 acres of land on Tuskorora, branch of Goose Creek about a mile above the mouth of the said branch, from George Slater to Francis Awbrey.

(Deed Book B pp. 301-04 Prince William Co., Va.)

Dec. 10 & 11, 1733, John Gordon witnessed deed made by George Slater to John Mercer of Stafford Co., Gent, for sale of 1038 acres on both sides of Red Rock Run, a branch of Potomack River above Goose Creek, joining to the land of the Widow Hawlin¹ and Patrick Lynch, near Clark's Run.

(Deed Book B pp. 279-83 Prince William Co., Va.)

¹The name Halling also spelled Hawlin on deeds.

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Dec. 26 & 27, 1733, Francis Awbrey, John Gordon, Jas. Lassell and David Richardson, witnessed deed made by George Slater to Richard Wood, planter, for sale of 100 acres near Clark's Run being corner tree of tract belonging to George Slater containing 467 acres bearing date Mar. 2, 1729.

(Deed Book B pp. 314-17 Prince William Co., Va.)

John Gordon also witnessed the Will of Amos Sinkler of Prince William Co., Va. date 1734-5. This will recorded in Fairfax Co., Va. July 19, 1744.

(Will Book A p. 77 Fairfax Co., Va.)

Also recorded in Fairfax Co., Va. date 19 July 1744, was the will of Richard Awbrey of Truro parish, Fairfax Co., Va., signed Jan. 14, 1743. Witnesses John Gordon, Josiah Clapham, William Law or Low, Pierce P. Noland.

(Will Book AI part 1, p. 79, Fairfax Co., Va.)

These above wills were recorded in Fairfax Co., Va. after Fairfax Co. was formed from Prince William Co., Va., date 1742, and John Gordon and the Awbreys had not moved but their land fell in Fairfax Co. when the county was formed.

That John Gordon was a man of some substance was indicated by his having been one of the securities on the bond for five hundred pounds sterling which Thomas Awbrey, brother of Richard Awbrey, gave as Executor of Richard Awbrey's will, date July 19, 1744.

(Will Book A pp. 81-82, Fairfax Co., Va.)

Also, Sept. 18, 1749, after John Gordon had moved from Fairfax Co., Va., he gave power of attorney to William Halling "a trusted friend" to collect certain money for him from "persons indebted to him in the Colony of Virginia, or elsewhere as shall appear." Signed by John Gordon in presence of Thomas Awbrey, John Nelson, Hugh Touch.

(Deed Book I 1746-1750 p. 513 Fairfax Co., Va.)

At this date, 1749, land in the upper country in South Carolina was being given to settlers under Royal land grants by headrights,

John Gordon and Wife Ruth

and news of the abundance of the land with its fertile soil and clear streams offered alluring prospects to the colonists of Virginia and other colonies.

John Gordon, a man of thrift and foresight, was one of the first of the colonists to be attracted to the offer. With a family of growing children and the land plentiful, the opportunities loomed bright before him. There were many hazards to consider, the Indians and the wilds of the land and the dangers to be met on the trip. But the Gordons were adventurous, never wanting in courage. Ruth, his wife, was willing to go, and the young sons, no doubt, were jubilant at the thought. Others were going. Some perhaps had been to view the land and returned to tell of its wonders. With these encouragements, John Gordon and his family and other colonists were willing to leave the endearments of their homes in Virginia and a cultivated society, and exchange it for the great expectations ahead in a new world that they would help to build.

Since the settlers were required to petition for their land in the Upper Country in South Carolina, John Gordon had petitioned for land on Collins River, later called Enoree River, in March, 1749, and his land in Fairfax County, Virginia having been sold in May of the same year, plans were begun for the trip to South Carolina where they would make their home.

There were no roads for wagons or other vehicles at this time. The settlers traveled on horseback and followed the Indian paths (William De Brahm's map of South Carolina and part of Georgia, date 1757). Their supplies were carried on pack horses.

Large bundles of clothing, bed furnishings and household goods, baskets of food and garden and farming implements that could be carried were fastened on the horses' backs, and other things for their imperative needs.

The small children rode in front of or behind the older members of the families on the horses. Boys were taught to ride and use rifles at early ages, and with plenty of guns and ammunition for killing wild game for food and defending themselves against the Indians, and maps and guides to direct them, and the fond good byes of relatives and friends, they set out as was usually the case, to join another company of settlers at some distant point for the long and arduous journey ahead.

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The Shenandoah Valley in Virginia was one of the major routes of travel in the colonial period, and John Gordon and his family and others with them may have gone over to the Valley and then on down to South Carolina, but it is more likely that they followed what was known as the Occaneechi Path which ran from Alexandria, Virginia, through Richmond and Petersburg, Virginia, to Raleigh, North Carolina, then across to Salisbury and Charlotte, N. C. At Charlotte they would have turned onto the Lower Cherokee Traders' Path which ran through Spartanburg, South Carolina, in order to reach Newberry County, S. C. or Berkeley County, S. C. as it was called in 1749.

The paths led through gaps in the mountains and the Shoaly crossing on the streams. Wild game in the forests and fish in the streams helped to furnish food along the way, and water was supplied by springs from the mountain sides. Their horses, cattle and other stock grazed on the pastures along the paths.

It is said that the settlers would camp by the springs at times for rest and some would remain long enough to plant and harvest a crop while the others moved on. And sometimes when they would come to a divide in a mountain pass, some would take another path, leaving the company never to be seen or heard of again.

But John Gordon's intent was fixed and with determination he and his family with others, trudged along the paths they had set out to follow, and it was probably about the middle of the summer of 1749 when they rode into the Carolina hills and stopped to unload on the banks of the river. There they viewed the land, and with men employed that they had brought with them, in the busy weeks that followed built among the oak, hickory and pines the house that they would call their home.

A thorough search of the records of Richmond, Virginia, Fairfax Co., Va., Prince William Co., Va., also Prince George and Stafford Counties, Va. from which Prince William Co., Va. was formed, has been made and no other records of John Gordon and his wife Ruth could be found.

The Stafford records are incomplete as they were lost in the 1720's. Without these we may be unable to determine what was the history of John Gordon prior to his purchase of land in Prince William Co., Va. date 1733.

John Gordon and Wife Ruth

There are no records of Ruth, wife of John Gordon, prior to the deed date 1749 in Fairfax Co., Va., and no knowledge of her maiden surname. Records in Maryland or an old family Bible probably is the only hope.

The land in Fairfax Co., Va. that John and wife Ruth Gordon sold in 1749 is now in Loudoun Co., Va.

EARLY HISTORY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In order to better follow the story of our John Gordon and his family, who lived in the Upper Country in South Carolina during the early days of America, it will be well to review briefly the early history of this province.

Carolina, which consisted of the present states of North and South Carolina, was granted by a deed signed March 24, 1662-63 by King Charles II of England to the eight original Lords Proprietors. Upon the deaths of the original Lords Proprietors their rights passed to their heirs, or by purchase to others.

These original Lords Proprietors of Carolina offered lands in Carolina to settlers from England and sent ships for their accommodations. Surveyors marked out lands for the settlers and townships were formed. These early surveys were in the low country of South Carolina, in and around Charleston.

Grievances of the colonists in Carolina against the Proprietors arose and the colonists appealed to the King of England, asking for a Royal Government, which was granted to them in 1729 by a deed signed by the Proprietors by which they relinquished all of their rights to Carolina and the province was divided into two Royal provinces, North and South Carolina, date 1730, following which Royal Governors were appointed by the King of England, over the provinces.

South Carolina was then divided into four counties: Berkeley, Craven, Colleton and Granville Counties, and later into districts.

In less than a century after the original Lords Proprietors were granted the land in 1662, the greater part of the lands of lower South Carolina were taken up and settlers were gradually going westward, and into the middle and upper country. It was then that Governor James G. Glenn, fourth Royal Governor of South Carolina, 1738-1756, offered to settlers land in the Upper Country which included what became later the districts of Edgefield, Abbeville, Laurens, Newberry, Union, Spartanburg, York, Chester, Fairfield and Richland, S. C.

This land had been the hunting grounds for the Cherokee Indians who lived to the northwest of it, and the extinction of the Cherokee claims to the land was necessary for the safety of the settlers.

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In 1755 Governor Glenn met with the Cherokee warriors in their own country and made a treaty with them whereby the Cherokees gave up their claim to the land and a peace, which appeared at the time to be lasting, though of short duration between the white adventurers and the Indians, followed.

It was during Governor Glenn's administration that John Gordon and his wife, Ruth, and their children removed from Virginia to South Carolina.

LIFE IN THE NEW HOME IN SOUTH CAROLINA

It was one of the prettiest places in all the Carolinas where John Gordon and his wife, Ruth, and their children settled in 1749. The land was in the Upper Country in South Carolina and was a Royal Grant to John Gordon from King George II of England of 450 acres on Collins* River, later called Enoree River, Nov. 7, 1751, and was witnessed by Governor James Glenn of South Carolina (Sec. of States Office, Columbia, S.C.).

Landrum, in his "Colonial and Revolutionary History of the Upper South Carolina" says:

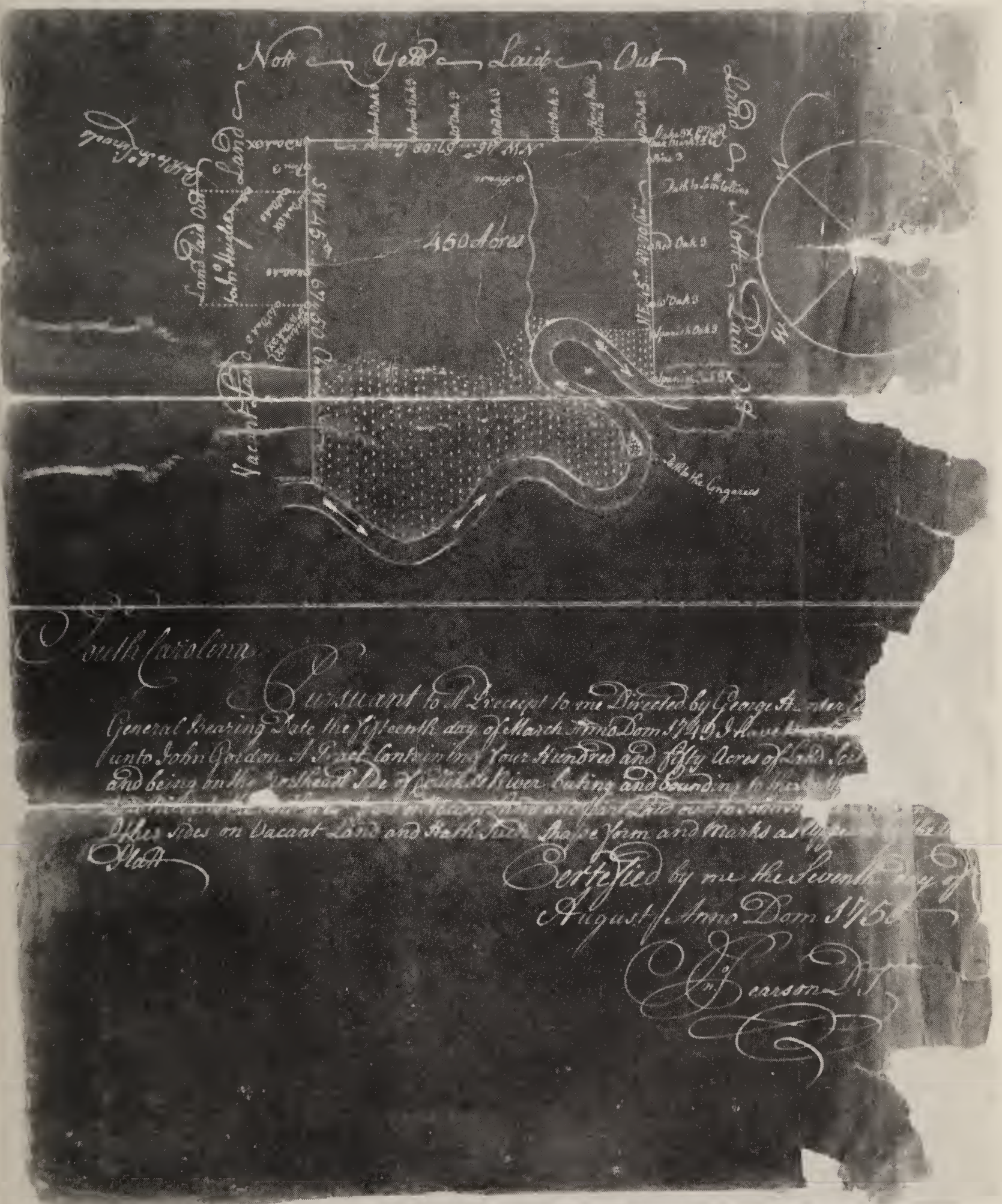
"If we accept the testimony of able and truthful writers, we may readily conclude that the sun never shone upon a Country more beautiful and attractive than this of ours as it appeared in primitive times."

Logan in his "History of the Upper Country of South Carolina" Vol. I, describes it as it was in the middle of the eighteenth century as "New and beautiful and remarkable for the luxuriant richness of its landscape," and tells of its "ancient glories of forest and flora and fertile soil—a scene of mingled elevated ranges, undulating hills and flowery vales, the woodlands carpeted with grass and the wild pea vine—and wild flowers of every hue."

Judge O'Neal in his "Annals of Newberry District of South Carolina" tells of the description of this country given by one of the early settlers who said that "it was in the spring the most beautiful scene his eyes ever beheld. The open woods presented no obstruction to the view. The hills and vales were covered with pea-vine and maiden cane, the former in bloom made it look like a garden."*

Since the earliest settlers of the Upper Country had their choice of one spot of land over the other, John Gordon had chosen his land in a section that Judge O'Neal called the Fork, which was the land lying along the Broad river between the Tyger and Enoree rivers, and was a net work of small valleys with clear streams and fertile cane covered bottoms. In 1750 when his land was surveyed,

*A path to Samuel Collins' land traced on the plat surveyed for John Gordon on the north side of the Enoree River in 1750 indicates the origin of the name Collins River by which the Enoree River was first called.



PLAT OF JOHN GORDON'S LAND IN
 BERKLEY COUNTY, S. C.

SOUTH-CAROLINA.

529 D. this Grant to M^r. Pearson the
2. March 1752.

450 acres **G**EOERGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of GREAT-BRITAIN, FRANCE and IRELAND, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING: KNOW YE, THAT WE of our special Grace, certain Knowledge and mere Motion, have given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our heirs and successors, DO GIVE AND GRANT unto

John Gordon his
heirs and assigns, *plantation or tract of land containing four hundred and fifty acres bounded southward by a branch of Santa River called Collins River Northward partly on land laid out to John Huger and partly on Vacant land and on the other side by Vacant land.*

And hath such shape, form and marks, as appears by a plat thereof, hereunto annexed: Together with all woods, under-woods, timber and timber-trees, lakes, ponds, fishings, waters, water-courses, profits commodities, appurtenances and hereditaments whatsoever, thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining: Together with privilege of hunting, hawking and fowling in and upon the same, and all mines and minerals whatsoever; saving and reserving, nevertheless, to us, our heirs and successors, all white pine-trees, if any should be found growing thereon: And also saving and reserving, to us, our heirs and successors, one tenth-part of mines of silver and gold only: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said Tract of *four hundred and fifty* acres of Land and all and singular other the premises hereby granted, with the appurtenances, unto the said *John Gordon*

his heirs and assigns for ever, in free and common soccage, *he* the said *John Gordon his* heirs or assigns yielding and paying therefore, unto us, our heirs and successors, or to our Receiver-General for the time being, or to his Deputy or Deputies for the time being, yearly, that is to say, on every twenty-fifth day of March, at the rate of three shillings sterling, or four shillings proclamation money, for every hundred acres, and so in proportion according to the quantity of acres, contained herein; the same to grow due and be accounted for from the date hereof. *Provided always*, and this present Grant is upon condition, nevertheless, that *he* the said *John Gordon his*

heirs or assigns, shall and do within three years next after the date of these presents, clear and cultivate at the rate of one acre for every five hundred acres of land, and so in proportion according to the quantity of acres herein contained, or build a dwelling house thereon, and keep a stock of five head of cattle for every five hundred acres, upon the same, and in proportion for a greater or lesser quantity: AND upon condition, that if the said rent, hereby reserved, shall happen to be in arrear and unpaid for the space of three years from the time it becomes due, and no distress can be found on the said lands, tenements and hereditaments hereby granted, that then and in such case, the said lands tenements and hereditaments hereby granted, and every part and parcel thereof, shall revert to us, our heirs and successors, as fully and absolutely, as if the same had never been granted. *Provided also*, If the said lands hereby mentioned to be granted, shall happen to be within the bounds or limits of any of the Townships, or of the lands reserved for the use of the Townships now laid out in our said Province, in pursuance of our royal instructions, that then this Grant shall be void, any thing herein to the contrary contained notwithstanding.

Given under the Great Seal of our said Province.

WITNESS

James Oglethorpe Esq. Capt. General

Governor and Commander in chief in and over our said Province of South-Carolina, this

Feath

Day of *Novemb^r*

Anno Dom. 1751 and in the *Twenty-fifth* Year of our Reign.

James O. Oglethorpe

Signed by his Excellency, the

Governor in Council

And hath hereunto annexed a plat

Representing the same, testified by

George Munter Surveyor-General.

the 7 August 1751

John Gordon

LAND GRANT OF JOHN GORDON'S
LAND IN BERKLEY COUNTY, S. C.

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the plat shows that his house had been built overlooking the clear waters of the Enoree river and the rolling flower covered hills, and with the pure air, fertile soil and numerous springs of water and the herds of buffalo and deer that roamed the forests and where the cry of the night bird whippoorwill¹ often enlivened the night, and the song of the mocking bird could be heard—it was a paradise for their years to come.

It was on this beautiful and picturesque spot that John Gordon's and his wife's son, George Gordon, their youngest child, was born May 2, 1752, making for them in all seven children, who were: Thomas Gordon, John Gordon, Jr., Benjamin Gordon, William Gordon, Govin Gordon, George Gordon and Ruth Gordon.

Following the building of their house, it is reasonable to believe that John Gordon and his son, Thomas Gordon, who was then about fourteen years old, spent much of their time during the fall and winter months killing wild game for the skins.

Ramsey's History of South Carolina Vol. I says that "In the year 1750 when the settlements of the Upper Country began, there were so many buffaloes . . . that three or four men with their dogs could kill from twenty to thirty buffaloes in a day." And that deer were numerous and that there were also many bears, and the waters abounded in beavers, otters and muskrats and that "the skins of wild beasts were the most profitable remittance to Charleston." The Broad, Tyger and Enoree rivers furnished a navigation for mountain boats when market was sought.²

With the coming of spring of 1750 their land was made ready for planting, and with their thrift and the methods they had brought with them from Virginia, it was soon yielding in abundance produce that had been latent in the soil.

John Gordon then added to his holdings by purchasing fifty acres of land in Berkeley Co., S.C. from John Haegler, whose land adjoined his on the northwest. (Reference made to this in Deed Book VV p. 144, Mesne Conveyance Office, Charleston, S.C.) He also purchased two thousand and five acres of land in Anson Co., N.C., some of which adjoined his land in South Carolina, and some higher upon the Tyger river as follows:

Deed Book B. p. 519 date Dec. 24, 1753, Anson Co., N.C.

¹Judge O'Neal's Annals of Newberry District S.C.

²Ibid.

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Curtis Woods of Anson Co., N.C. sold to John Gordon of Berkeley Co., S.C. 300 acres in Anson Co., N.C. on south side of Tyger river. Witnesses, John Clark, Gabriel Brown, Samuel Young.

Secretary of States' Office, Raleigh, N.C. Dept. of State, the following grants:

300 acres issued Aug. 30, 1753 to John Gordon on Northside of Tyger river on Beaverdam Creek below James Ottersons in Anson Co., N.C. Grant No. 339, Book 10, p. 386. File No. 843.

300 acres in Anson Co., N.C. issued to John Gordon Feb. 23, 1754 on n. side of Enoree river joining the place that sd. John Gordon now lives on the lower end. Grant No. 663, File No. 920.

465 acres in Anson Co., N.C. issued to John Gordon May 17, 1754 on s. side Tyger river. Grant No. 993, Book 13, P. 7, File No. 1115.

640 acres in Anson Co., N.C. issued to John Gordon Sept. 24, 1754 on head of Little river on N. side of Broad river on the dividing ridge. Grant No. 1152 Book 13, p. 34, File No. 1201.

This land in Anson Co., N.C. was disputed territory, both North Carolina and South Carolina claiming it, and when the boundary line between the two provinces was defined, the land fell in South Carolina in what became both Newberry and Union Districts.

On these tracts of land John Gordon built houses and made other improvements, turning most of them into tenement plantations, and with his home place of 450 acres and the 50 acres purchased from John Haegler, he possessed 2505 acres in all.

In 1756, after seven peaceful and prosperous years spent in their new home, John Gordon, the father, planter and landlord, passed away. His death evidently was unexpected, for, although a man of good business ability, he had not made a will.

The old Gordon-Chick graveyard in lower Union Co., S.C. near the Gordon place no doubt was where he was buried. There are many graves there but the headstones are gone.

We can know that John Gordon's passing was a great loss to his family and to the community in which he lived. A man of honesty and integrity, he had held the respect and confidence of his friends, for many of whom he had witnessed wills and deeds and had served as security on a bond. A man of courage and thrift, he had helped to blaze the trails and open and develop the new lands. A man of

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education and culture, he had lived to educate his oldest sons and give them the best advantages of the day, and had provided for the youngest to have the same advantages. All of whom the records of them in the succeeding chapters give honor to his work and name.

Others of the original settlers in the Fork in Newberry Co., S.C. who were connected with our Gordons either by intermarriage or by close friendship were the Andersons, Lyles, Caldwells, Chandlers, Curetons, Sims and Wadlingtons. The Ottersons lived higher up on the Tyger river in Union Co., S.C.

The Dicksons, Nolands and Awbreys who settled in the Fork in Newberry Co., S.C. came from Prince William and Fairfax Counties, Va. with John Gordon and his family or followed soon after.

The old Gordon homeplace in South Carolina where John Gordon and his family settled in 1749 which was a grant to John Gordon in 1751 from South Carolina, is now owned by the National Forestry Reserve.

Judge O'Neal's Annals of Newberry Co., S.C., says that all of the settlers in the Fork in Newberry Co. were Baptists except the Maybins, who came from Ireland and were Presbyterians.

The Baptist meetinghouse of that day was called Littleton's Meeting House and stood on the banks of the Enoree river at Littleton's ferry on Major Jesse Maybin's plantation, later located near the Village of Maybinton.

It is regrettable that no minutes or other records of this church have been found to give us the church life of our Gordons, but old deeds, wills, and old letters show that they were religious, God-fearing people.

It is possible that the graveyard that is located in the lower end of Union Co., S.C. and called the Gordon-Chick graveyard, is near the spot of Littleton's Meeting House, as it appears that a church had been there. At one end of the graveyard is a walled in lot where the only headstones are standing. They are on the graves of Eli Gordon, Sr. and his wife, Rebecca. There are about one hundred graves in the graveyard.

THOMAS GORDON

Son of John Gordon and Wife Ruth and Intervening Events of the Family from his Birth to his Death

I Thomas Gordon

Prince William Co., Va.

Fairfax Co., Va.

Berkeley Co., S.C. now Newberry Co., S.C.

Died intestate

Married Elizabeth

Their Children:

1. Ruth Gordon
2. Benjamin Gordon
3. Jesse Gordon
4. Eli Gordon
5. Thomas Gordon, Jr.

Thomas Gordon, oldest son of John Gordon, and his wife, Ruth, was born in Prince William Co., Virginia. The date of his birth is not known but the approximate date can be arrived at by the land grant that his father received in South Carolina of 450 acres, date 1751. Land in the Upper Country in South Carolina in 1751 was given under headrights, 100 acres to the settler, 50 acres to his wife and 50 acres each for children in the home between two and sixteen years of age, which included all children, even nephews and nieces.

The 450 acres of land given to John Gordon represented himself, his wife, Ruth, and six of their children: Thomas, John, Jr., Benjamin, Ruth, William and Govin, Thomas being about 14 years old, having been born about 1735 as John Gordon petitioned for the land in 1749.

The earliest recorded date of Thomas Gordon is 1754 when he purchased 1025 acres of land in Anson Co., N.C. at the same date that his father purchased land there, and he would have been about nineteen years old, and at this early age a large landowner. He, no doubt, had made the money that he purchased the land with by

Thomas Gordon, Son of John Gordon and Wife Ruth

selling skins of wild animals that he killed on hunting trips with his father.

Thomas Gordon's land in Anson Co., N. C.

Dep't of State, Raleigh, N. C.

300 acres issued Feb. 23, 1754 to Thomas Gordon in Anson Co., N.C. on S. side of Enoree river on Dunehan's Creek including the Shoals. Grant No. 664, Book 10, p. 411, File No. 891.

450 acres issued Feb. 23, 1754 to Thomas Gordon and Samuel Young in Anson Co., N.C. on S. side of Enoree river on Indian Creek above Abraham Anderson's land including east of the great swamp. Grant No. 719, Book 10, P. 4, File No. 890.

300 acres issued Feb. 25, 1754 to Thomas Gordon in Anson Co., N.C. on S. side of Tiger river and on a small creek called Fishing Creek. Grant No. 823, Book 10, P. 431, File No. 949.

200 acres issued May 20, 1754 lying on Long Lick in Anson Co., N.C. to Thomas Gordon. Grant No. 992, Book 13, P. 7, File No. 1114.

Thomas Gordon's land in Anson Co., N.C. fell in Newberry and Union Districts South Carolina when the boundary line between the two provinces was defined, as did his father's land in Anson Co., N.C. On some of these tracts of land, Thomas Gordon built houses and made tenement plantations of them.

Thomas Gordon had married Elizabeth before his father's death in 1756. Family traditions from several sources are that his wife was Elizabeth Caldwell, daughter of John Caldwell.

According to the law of primogeniture, Thomas Gordon, oldest son of John Gordon, fell heir to his father's land since his father died intestate, and with his father's 2505 acres of land added to his own land he then, at about the age of 19 years possessed 3530 acres of land. But Thomas Gordon was not the planter that his father and brothers were; more versatile, he was interested in other pursuits. Although he lived on his own plantation and carried on the work of a planter he never recorded 'planter' on any of the many deeds given and received by him in buying and selling land.

Thomas Gordon's father, John Gordon, also left a considerable amount of money that his wife Ruth and his sons received and knowing his father's intent in purchasing the lands and with his mother's guidance, Thomas Gordon divided his father's land with his mother and brothers as follows:

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Thomas Gordon son and heir at law of John Gordon, deceased, sells land granted to John Gordon, deceased.

Anson Co., N.C. Deed Book I, pages 213-215, date April 12 & 13, 1756, deeds of lease and release—

Thomas Gordon and wife Elizabeth sell to John Gordon, brother of said Thomas Gordon, a messuage tenement plantation lying in Anson Co., N.C. on N. side of Tiger river on Beaverdam Creek below James Otterson's containing 300 acres for 50 pounds. Land granted to John Gordon dec'd Aug. 13, 1753. Witnesses Adam McCool, Gabriel Brown, Edw. Musgrove.

Deed Book 7, p. 14, Nov. 10, 1756—Anson Co., N.C.

Thomas Gordon and wife Elizabeth sell to John Gordon, brother of the said Thomas Gordon for 20 pounds a plantation of 300 acres in Anson Co., N.C. on N. side of Enoree river joining the place whereon Ruth Gordon now lives on the lower. Land granted to John Gordon dec'd, Feb. 23, 1754. Witnesses Jacob Brown, Benjamin Gordon, Adam McCool.

Anson Co., N.C., Deed Book I, pages 192-194, April 12 & 13, 1756. Deeds of lease and release.

Thomas Gordon and wife Elizabeth sell to Ruth Gordon, widow and mother of Thomas Gordon, a messuage tenement plantation in Anson Co., N.C. on the head of Little river on N. side of Broad river on the dividing ridge containing 640 acres for 50 pounds. Grant bearing date Sept. 24, 1754 to Mr. John Gordon dec'd. Witnesses Adam McCool, Gabriel Brown, Edw. Musgrove.

Anson Co., N.C., Deed Book I, p. 178, April 12 & 13, 1756. Deed of lease and release.

Thomas Gordon and wife Elizabeth sell to William Gordon 460 acres in Anson Co., N.C. a messuage tenement plantation on S. side of Tyger river for 50 pounds.

Granted to John Gordon dec'd, May 27, 1754. Witnesses Adam McCool, Gabriel Brown, Edw. Musgrove.

Anson Co., N.C., Deed Book I, page 185, April 12 & 13, 1756, Deeds of lease and release.

Thomas Gordon and wife Elizabeth sell to Benjamin Gordon brother of said Thomas Gordon for 50 pounds a messuage tenement

Thomas Gordon, Son of John Gordon and Wife Ruth

plantation on S. side of Tyger river containing 300 acres in Anson Co., N.C. Land purchased by John Gordon dec'd from Curtis Woods 12/24/1753. Witnesses Adam McCool, Gabriel Brown, Edward Musgrove.

Deed Book I, pp. 219 & 221 date April 12 & 13, 1756, Deed of lease & release.

Thomas Gordon and wife Elizabeth sold to Benjamin Gordon 300 acres in Anson Co., N.C. for 50 pounds a messuage tenement plantation on S. side of Tyger river on a small creek called Fishing Creek. Patent bearing date Feb. 23, 1754 to Thomas Gordon. Witnesses Adam McCool, Gabriel Brown, Edward Musgrove.

At the time of his father's death, 1756, Thomas Gordon and his wife Elizabeth were either living with his parents or moved soon after to be with his widowed mother and younger brothers at the home place, and in 1759 Thomas Gordon and wife Elizabeth made a "Deed of Gift" to Govin and George Gordon of the home place.

The earliest court records of South Carolina were recorded in Charleston, S. C. where they can be found now in the Mesne Conveyance Office, Charleston, S. C.

After the counties of South Carolina were formed, 1786, the records were recorded in the counties where all records beginning with 1786 can now be found.

From Register Mesne Conveyance Office, Charleston County, State of South Carolina: Book VV, Page 144:

"Thomas Gordon, wheelwright and Elizabeth his wife of Berkeley County, South Carolina for divers good causes and valuable considerations them moving have remised—release and quit claim unto Govin Gordon and George Gordon, two younger brothers unto the said Thomas Gordon and are now under the care of their mother Ruth Gordon in trust for them—all of the plantation or tracts of land whereon the said Ruth Gordon now lives and now dwelleth containing four hundred and fifty acres—also another tract of land joining with the four hundred and fifty acres containing fifty acres and lies highest upon the river—formerly known by the name of Collins River which sd fifty acres was land laid out to John Heighler and by deed of lease and release conveyed to John Gordon, deceased.—The land being on north side of Collins river.—The upper

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part of the large tract that contains 450 acres to be the property, estate and inheritance of Govin Gordon—and the lower part of the said four hundred and fifty acres whereon the improvements and dwelling houses of the said Ruth Gordon is, is to be the Estate inheritance and property of George Gordon.”

Witnesses, Samuel Awbrey, Isaac Pennington, John Gordon.

As shown in the above deed, Thomas Gordon's first business venture after his father's death was that of a wheelwright which he plied along with the management of his own and his tenement plantations. The wheelwrights were very proud of the craft which they considered an art and recorded it in their deeds. They also made spinning wheels and Windsor chairs and it is said that some of these chairs made by the wheelwrights can be found in homes of today.

Thomas Gordon and his wife had probably moved to one of his plantations on the south side of Enoree river in 1759 where he also raised horses which was unique with the Gordons of Scotland.¹ The cane bottoms greatly facilitated the raising of livestock and we see later that he furnished horses and steers in the wars. They had hardly been settled in their new home when trouble began again with the Cherokee Indians.

Governor Littleton who had succeeded Governor Glenn of South Carolina in office did not have the good judgment and discretion of Governor Glenn in dealing with the Cherokee Indians and owing to an unfortunate occurrence in which the Cherokees thought they had been unjustly treated by Governor Littleton in 1760 they fell upon the border settlers, killing men, women and children and destroying property.

Others of the settlers hurriedly built forts for their protection. Two forts were built on the Enoree river; the one nearest the Gordons was first called Gordon's Fort, later Fort William Henry. Armies were raised and women and children with some of the men left to protect them moved to the forts where they lived during these days, going back and forth to their homes for supplies when it was thought safe to go.²

¹The Clan Gordon by Jean Dunlop, W. & A. K. Johnston's Clan Histories.

²Landrum's Colonial & Revolutionary History of Upper S.C.

Thomas Gordon, Son of John Gordon and Wife Ruth

Two of Thomas Gordon's brothers fought in Colonel John Chevillette's Army, Ensign John Gordon, Jr. and Benjamin Gordon.

It is possible that Thomas Gordon fought in this war also as he was designated Captain Thomas Gordon on a deed of sale of land made by Samuel Awbrey of Enoree Settlement that he witnessed and proved date 1766.¹ Also Judge O'Neal in his *Annals of Newberry S. C.* says that Major Thomas Gordon probably won his commission in the Indian Wars.

These were perilous days for the Upper Country of South Carolina. The settlers were in so much danger that they built a line of forts from Virginia to Georgia for their protection. South Carolina was not strong enough to put an end to the Cherokee insurrection but with the help of the British the Cherokees were forced to sue for peace in 1761, and the Cherokee War came to an end. The men, women and children who had lived in the forts during the war then returned to their homes and domestic life.

In 1762 Thomas Gordon and his mother Ruth Gordon, and others of the Enoree Settlement, received pay for supplies they had furnished Fort William Henry during the Cherokee War. Thomas Gordon for "Hire of wagon and horses,"² Ruth Gordon for pork.² Among others of the settlement receiving pay were Abel Anderson for flour,² John Casey for provisions,² William Dixon for pork.²

Following the Cherokee War the Colony began to flourish and hundreds of families from Europe, Virginia, Maryland and other Colonies settled in South Carolina, and these were prosperous days for the people in the Upper Country in South Carolina. As more settlers moved in, the Indians were outnumbered and were no longer a menace to the settlers.³

In 1763, Ruth Gordon, widow, and mother of Thomas Gordon, was married to Abraham Anderson who lived in the Fork on the South side of Enoree river. He was a widower with a family of grown married sons and was a good deal older than Ruth Gordon. Their marriage, no doubt, was the culmination of a romance begun during the Cherokee War when the women and children lived in the forts and the older men and young sons were left to protect

¹Deed Book D-2 pp. 417-418-419 Newberry Co. S. C. Dec. 12, 1766.

²House Journal Vol. 35, page 162. For several services for the Frontier private Forts. For Fort William Henry on the Enoree river.

³Landrum's Colonial & Revolutionary History of Upper South Carolina.

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them. As many as two hundred people lived in some of the forts it is said.

Abraham Anderson had admired Ruth Gordon's courage and fine qualities and had wooed and won her for his wife. He made his will in 1763 soon after their marriage, in which appears Jacob Brown.¹ Abraham Anderson died 1765.

Will of Abraham Anderson of Berkeley Co., S.C. Will Book, 1760-1787, pp. 446 & 447. Office of Ordinary, Charleston, S.C. date July 11th, 1763, Jan. 5, 1765, proved.

"Being sick and weak, Willed to my loving wife Ruth all household furniture, her riding horse and saddle, two best work horses, six cows and calves and the privilege of killing the stock any she thinks necessary before the division. Excepting two beds and their furniture, also all my negro slaves and my homestead place during her life or widowhood. gives to Jacob Brown one negro girl Nann after the decease of my wife. gives to William Gordon one negro boy Babb, gives to Govin and George Gordon, jointly, one negro Chloe.

Gives dwelling plantation to be equally divided between my four youngest sons, Abraham, Levy, Henry and Jacob. My son Jacob to have my homestead place after my wife's decease. The residue of Estate, lands to be divided so that all my children and my wife's children have an equal part only. William Gordon, Jacob Brown, Govin Gordon, George Gordon to have one half part with the rest in consideration of their legacies mentioned before. Gives to son Joshua "my large Bible, it not to be valued." Ordains "my loving wife Ruth Anderson, her son Thomas Gordon and my Abel Anderson, Executors of my will."

Abraham Anderson

Wit.: Samuel Awbrey, Philip Mulkey, Charles King.

Abraham Anderson also had a son Gabriel Anderson who is not named in the will but probably in the final settlement of his father's estate was deeded a tract of land as is shown in the following deed.

Mesne Conveyance Office, Charleston, S.C. Book Y-3, Page 343, date Dec. 10, 1771.

Ruth Anderson and others to Gabriel Anderson. Renunciation

¹Jacob Brown was the son-in-law of Ruth Gordon, being the husband of her daughter Ruth Gordon.

Thomas Gordon, Son of John Gordon and Wife Ruth

Deed Gift. To all Christian people to whom these presents may come. We Ruth Anderson and others of Berkeley Co., South Carolina for and in consideration of the love, good will and affection which we have and do bear towards our loving brother Gabriel Anderson of the same province and County aforesaid have given and by these presents do freely give and grant unto the said Gabriel Anderson—a certain tract of land on Beaverdam Creek containing two hundred acres.

	her
	Ruth R. Anderson
	mark
	Abel Anderson
	Abraham Anderson
	Levy Anderson
	Henry Anderson
	Jacob Anderson
	Thomas Gordon
	William Gordon
Witnesses:	Govin Gordon
Abraham Anderson ¹	George Gordon
James Caldwell	Ruth Brown
John Valentine	

Although Ruth Anderson had been bequeathed the Anderson homestead by her deceased husband, Abraham Anderson, for life or widowhood, she went back to the Gordon homestead² after his death in 1765 to live with her youngest sons, George Gordon, then thirteen years old who owned the plantation, and Govin Gordon, who was in his teens and owned land adjoining, and probably William who had not married.

Ruth Anderson was still in her forties in 1765 and was young for her years. Owning her own horse and saddle she no doubt was a good rider and the vast acres of the Gordon plantations spreading out over the hills and valleys between the rivers, furnished many roads and paths for rides with her young sons.

In about 1770 William Gordon, son of Ruth Anderson by her husband, John Gordon, was married to Elizabeth. Since marriages

¹Probably son of one of the Anderson brothers.

²Deed Book Q-4 p 174 Mesne Conveyance Office, Charleston, S.C.

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were not recorded in South Carolina at that date, Elizabeth's maiden surname is not known.

In 1773 Thomas Gordon sold to William Gordon land joining the Gordon homestead by deed of lease and release, April 12 & 13. Deed Book Q-4, p. 174, Mesne Conveyance Office, Charleston, S.C.

Thomas Gordon and wife Elizabeth of Craven Co.,¹ S.C. sell to William Gordon, planter of same County and province, a plantation containing 300 acres on north side of Enoree, joining the plantation whereon Mrs. Ruth Anderson now lives. The land was a grant to John Gordon, Sr., date Feb. 23, 1754 in North Carolina, supposed at the time of surveying to be in N.C. but by the continuation of the boundary line between the two provinces falls in South Carolina.

Thomas Gordon, son and heir at law of John Gordon, Sr. deceased, did by a bargain and sale deed of lease and release, date Nov. 10, 1756, convey unto John Gordon, Jr., deceased the sd land whereas the sd Thomas Gordon being heir at law of John Gordon Jr. deceased, have bargained sold & conveyed unto sd William Gordon the sd tract of 300 acres for 300 pounds current money received. Witnesses: James Caldwell, James Orr, Govin Gordon.

The above deed shows that John Gordon Jr. had died prior to 1773, had never married and the land that Thomas Gordon was selling to William Gordon was land that Thomas Gordon had sold to John Gordon Jr., date 1756, Thomas being heir at law of their father John Gordon Sr. to whom the land was granted in 1754. Because of the sale to John Gordon Jr., deceased, Thomas Gordon was heir at law of John Gordon Jr., dec'd.

Later records show that William Gordon and his wife moved to this plantation in 1773 where they made their home. Since William was recorded planter on the deed he had probably been living on the land he had purchased from Thomas Gordon after the death of their father, 1756, and was now moving to be near his mother.

Prior to 1773 the inhabitants of South Carolina had been enjoying peace and prosperity and were satisfied with their political and commercial relations with the British but difficulties had arisen at this date over taxation, and a desire for independence grew up among the colonists. The Gordons took the side of Liberty as most of the people of the Upper Country in South Carolina did.

¹Craven Co. S.C. was later Newberry Co., S.C.

Thomas Gordon, Son of John Gordon and Wife Ruth

When the first Provincial Congress met at Charleston in 1775 and appointed committees to execute the Continental association which was pretty much for non-intercourse with Great Britain, among the members of the committee for the districts in the fork between the Broad and Saluda rivers was John Gordon.

Judge O'Neal in his *Annals of Newberry Co., S.C.* says "I am inclined to think that the person called John Gordon in the list was Thomas Gordon," meaning our Thomas Gordon of Enoree Settlement, son of John Gordon and wife Ruth. At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War Thomas Gordon supplied the militia with horses and steers and after the fall of Charleston, May, 1780 joined the militia in Colonel Brandon's regiment and served as major to the close of the war.

Major Thomas Gordon's Revolutionary accounts for which he received pay: Dept. of Archives, Columbia, S.C.

Thomas Gordon, No. AA2981, Acct. 767, Book X

2 steers furnished the Militia, June, 1779

Thomas Gordon, No. AA2981, Acct. 173, Book 2

For horse lost in service, June 1779

Thomas Gordon, No. AA2981, Acct. 172, Book X

For horse impressed for Militia use in 1780

Thomas Gordon, No. AA2981, Acct. 2857 Book X

For Militia duty in Brandon's Regiment. Since the fall of Charleston to Anderson's return.

Major Gordon's order.

Newberry Co., Ninety-six District

Messrs Blake and Boequet:

Please deliver to the bearer Colonel John Lindsey my indent with ye interest and you will oblige your humble servant.

Given under my hand and seal this 28th of July 1786,

Thomas Gordon

I do certify that I saw Thomas Gordon sign the above order the day above written.

Robert Rutherford

It was necessary for the men to go to Charleston, S.C. to get pay for their services in the Revolutionary War. The route from the

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Upper Country in S. Carolina was long and dangerous and a few men would go well armed and take the orders of the others and bring their pay to them. Among these men was Col. John Lindsey of Newberry District who took the orders of men from his district.

Excerpt from letter of J. H. Easterby, Director S.C. Department of Archives to Mrs. B. D. Marshall concerning Rev. War accounts:

"It may be well to add a word of explanation as to the nature of 'Anderson's Return.'

After the fall of Charleston in May 1780, South Carolina carried on the war almost completely on credit. Receipts were given for supplies furnished and for service rendered. After the war was won Colonel Anderson was appointed as the official in Ninety-six District whose duty it was to receive all of the accounts submitted in that district and send them to the Auditor General to be examined and approved. "Per Anderson's Return" means that the account was one which was handled through Col. Anderson's office."

Prior to the Revolutionary War South Carolina had been divided into districts, and our Gordons lived in Ninety-sixth District. After the war the districts were divided into counties and the Gordon lands fell in Newberry and Union Counties, S.C. Records show that they were still called districts for many years following.

When Newberry County was formed in 1783, Major Thomas Gordon was appointed sheriff of Newberry County, S. C., by the Justices and commissioned by Governor Wm. Moultrie for a term of two years according to the constitution. Judge O'Neal says: "The duties of his office were correctly performed."¹

The office of sheriff was a very high honor in those days.

Thomas Gordon's chief business interest during his remaining years was buying and selling land which the following deeds made by him shows, on which he is designated Thomas Gordon, Major Thomas Gordon and Thomas Gordon, Esquire.

Deeds recorded at Newberry Co., S.C. Courthouse:

Book A 242, date 1786—Thomas Gordon and wife Elizabeth deeded to Thomas Hardy of Virginia 204 acres on Enoree River.

Book A-434, date 1788, Thomas Gordon and wife Elizabeth deeded to Barbara Hancock 96 acres on Peter's Creek (part of land

¹Judge O'Neal's Annals of Newberry Co., S.C.

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bought by Thomas Gordon in 1785 from heirs of John Mitchell.) between Enoree and Tyger Rivers.

Book A—651, date 1789 Thomas Gordon, Esquire, to Awbrey Noland, Gentleman, both of Newberry, S.C. 13 acres on South side of Tyger river on Peter's Creek.

Wit.: Jesse Gordon, Mary Gordon.

Book A—909, Oct. 19, 1789.

Thomas Gordon, Esquire and Elizabeth his wife, deeded to Robert Crenshaw of Union Co., S.C. 68 acres on Peter's Creek near Tyger river, being part of a tract of 460 acres supposed when run out to be in Anson Co., N.C. on S. side of Tyger river, originally granted May 20, 1754 to John Gordon by Hon. Matthew Rowan Esq. but by a resurvey of the boundary line by order of the then King, falls in Craven Co., S.C. now Newberry Co., S.C. Wit: William Kelly, Jesse Gordon, Eli Gordon.

Book H 342, 1796—Thomas Gordon and wife Elizabeth deeded to P. H. Sims 52 acres on S. side of Tyger river.

Book G—page 1804 Major Thomas Gordon and wife Elizabeth conveyed to Patrick Henry Sims 130 acres on Tyger river.

Major Thomas Gordon also owned land in Hancock Co., Georgia which he sold by deeds Nov. 27, 1795.

Deed Book AB pages 206-207—Hancock Co., Georgia—date Nov. 27, 1795. Major Thomas Gordon of Newberry Co., S.C. deeded to Benjamin Gordon of Hancock Co., Georgia 143¾ acres of land in Hancock Co., Georgia, being one-half of a bounty of land surveyed for George Grizzle June 6, 1784. Wit: James Orr, John Trippe, David Dickson.

Record Book E, pp. 39-40 Hancock Co., Georgia, Nov. 27, 1795. Major Thomas Gordon of Newberry Co., S.C. deeded to David Dickson, Esquire, 143¾ acres of land in Hancock Co., Ga., being one half of a bounty of land surveyed for George Grizzle June 6, 1784. Wit: James Orr, Benjamin Gordon, John Trippe.

U. S. Census 1790 Newberry County, S. C.

Thomas Gordon 4 males over 16 yrs., (including heads of families)
1 female

Besides himself and his wife Elizabeth, three of their youngest

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sons, Jesse, Eli and Thomas Gordon, Jr., were living at the home.

Major Thomas Gordon died at his home in Newberry County, S.C. 1808, intestate at the age of about 73 years.

Administration papers in the Estate of Major Thomas Gordon on file in Box 8, pkg. 18, Estate 186, Office of Probate Judge, Newberry, South Carolina.

Major Thomas Gordon died prior to Oct. 22, 1808 when Elizabeth Gordon (his widow) and Benjamin and Jesse Gordon (his sons) gave up their rights of administration on the Estate of Thomas Gordon to Samuel Otterson and Eli Gordon.

Samuel Lindsey, Ordinary of Newberry District issued Admr. bond in sum of \$2000.00 to Sam'l Otterson. Eli Gordon, Benjamin and Jesse Gordon Oct. 24, 1808 and Samuel Otterson and Eli Gordon were named Administrators. Appraisers of Thomas Gordon's personal Estate were Thomas Hardy, Thomas Wilson, Patrick H. Sims, George Noland.

Bill of appraisement includes long list of personal property—horses, cotton in the patch, heifers, cows and calves, bedsteads and furniture, books, chairs, medicine vials, Sun Dial, half bushel of salt, Tea kettle, ploughs & irons. Gun and shot bag, wheel and reel. Flax, potatoes, one cubbert, coffee mill, barrows, Dutch ovens, Bee hives, weeding hoes, old iron, negro man, negro woman, etc. etc. Total value not given.

Buyers at the sale were Elizabeth Gordon, Samuel Otterson, Eli Gordon, Benjamin Gordon, Patrick Henry Sims, Scott Chandler, Jesse Gordon, John Valentine, John Wilson, Barbara Hancock.

Vouchers and receipts. Note on or before the first day of Jan. next I promise to pay Lucy Govin \$12.25 for value received of her.

Signed August 11, 1808.

Thomas Gordon

Joseph Govin signed receipt for payment by Eli Gordon, date May 20, 1810.

Receipt of Dr. Richard Huson for visit to Major Thomas Gordon on Mar. 24, 1808, Mar. 27 & 28, April 1 & 3, and riding 5 miles each visit at \$1.25 each visit, \$1.00 and list of medicine total \$21.00 or £4, 18d.

Thomas Gordon, Son of John Gordon and Wife Ruth

Receipt dated Nov. 12, 1808 paid by Samuel Otterson, Adm. Benjamin Gordon signed receipt for my full legatees part of Estate of Thomas Gordon, deceased—Nov. 19, 1811.

Jesse Gordon signed receipt for full pay of my legatees part of the Estate of Thomas Gordon, deceased, Nov. 18, 1811.

Thomas Gordon, Jr. receipt—This is to certify that I have received full satisfaction as a legatee to the Estate of Thomas Gordon of Newberry Dist., deceased. July 21, 1811.

Letter addressed to Samuel Otterson, Union District, South Carolina attached to administration papers.

Well respected Brother and Sister, these will serve to inform you that we are all still in the land of living and enjoying a reasonable portion of health, thanks be to the giver of all blessings for his mercies to us, hoping that these may find you and yours in the same.

I have nothing worth your attention at present. We have had a very dry summer. as far as this. Some places there have been so dry that there cannot make support. It is not so bad in this neighborhood. I think that we shall make tolerable good crops except something unexpected should turn up as we have had a tolerable season at present.

You wrote me that you could not settle with the others except you had a receipt from me. You did not write in what manner it should be. I have sent one and if it should not answer you must write in what manner will do and I will send any kind that you wish.

So conclude with Esteem, yours to serve.

Thomas Gordon

July 20, 1811

(Place of residence not given)

Myself and family joins in compliments to you and yours and in particular to our Dear old mother and your daughters and those families.

Samuel Otterson who was one of the Administrators of the estate of Major Thomas Gordon was a son-in-law of Major Thomas Gor-

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don. His wife, Ruth Gordon, was the daughter of Major Thomas Gordon and his wife Elizabeth. After Major Thomas Gordon's death, 1808, his widow Elizabeth, went to live with her daughter Ruth Otterson and her family, who lived in Union Co., S.C. and deeded her personal property to her daughter Ruth Otterson by deed as follows:

Deed of Gift, Union District, Clerk of Courts Office, Union S.C. Jan. 17, 1809.

Know all men by these presents that I, Elizabeth Gordon, relict of Major Thomas Gordon, deceased, of said state and District for and in consideration of the love and affection that I bear to my well beloved daughter Ruth Otterson, wife of Major Samuel Otterson of sd State and District—gives all of her personal property rights, and credits vested in me by the decease of my husband—the division of all the personal estate of my husband given to me by my two sons, Jesse Gordon and Eli Gordon. Dec. 17, 1809.

Signed in presence of

James Davis, James Johnson.

Major Thomas Gordon had grown to manhood with the companionship and counsel of his father John Gordon, and after his father's death the young Virginian, with his mother's guidance, was well able to take the weight of his father's work in the home, which he held manfully to the last. In all of the turn of the affairs of the family is found his keeping and care.

A resolute patriot he had attained heroic stature in his community, and possessed the qualifications requisite for the honors and trust that were given him. It can be said as nobly of him as of any one that he performed well his duties to his home, to his country, and to his fellowmen.

Major Thomas Gordon's Revolutionary War services have been established with the Sons of the American Revolution by Mr. Thomas Jefferson Gordon of New Orleans, La.; Louisiana Society, State No. 357, National No. 33992.

For children and their descendants of Thomas Gordon and his wife Elizabeth see Part II page 53.

JOHN GORDON, JR. AND BENJAMIN GORDON

Sons of John Gordon and Wife Ruth

II. John Gordon, Jr., son of John Gordon and his wife, Ruth Gordon, was born about 1736 in Prince William County, Virginia. Removed with his parents, 1749, to Berkeley Co., S.C. at the age of about thirteen years. After his father's death in S. C., 1756, purchased two tracts of his father's land from his brother, Thomas Gordon, heir at law of his father John Gordon. See page 22, Part I.

Served in the Cherokee War under Col. John Chevillet, date 1760 & 1761, as Ensign.¹ Died before 1773. See Deed (Thomas Gordon to William Gordon) Part I, page 28 showing Thomas Gordon heir at law of John Gordon, Jr.

Although Ensign John Gordon's life had been cut short, he had lived to bring honor to himself and to his family, and had served his community well. He never married.

III. Benjamin Gordon, son of John Gordon and his wife, Ruth Gordon, was born about 1738 in Prince William Co., Virginia. Removed to Berkeley Co., S.C. in 1749 with his parents, age about eleven years.

After his father's death in 1756, he purchased land from his brother Thomas Gordon. See Part I pages 22-23.

Served in Cherokee War, date 1760 and 1761 as private under Col. John Chevillet.¹

Served in Revolutionary War in Col. Waters' Regiment as private from the fall of Charleston to Anderson's Return. Account No. 2528 Book X, Dep't of Archives, Columbia, S.C.

No further records of Benjamin Gordon have been found but it is shown that he did nobly the duty he had to do in service to his home and to his country.

¹From loose files on Colonial Wars in South Carolina Archives.

RUTH GORDON

Daughter of John Gordon and Wife Ruth

IV. Ruth Gordon

b. Aug. 14, 1740, Prince William Co., Va.

d. Oct. 9, 1810, Washington Co., Tenn.

m. About 1760 in Berkeley Co., S.C., Col. Jacob Brown.

b. Dec. 11, 1736

d. June 28, 1785

Col. Jacob Brown was a captain under Col. John Sevier at the battle of King's Mountain and was a major under Col. Sevier on Indian campaigns. He died in a hunting accident in the part of Washington Co., Tenn., that is now Unicoe Co., Tenn. He died intestate leaving much property and large boundaries of land to be divided among the heirs. From the division of property and family records the children were established.

Their Children:

1. Jacob Brown II
2. Benjamin Brown
3. Thomas Brown
4. John Gordon Brown

Col. Jacob Brown went to Washington County, Tenn. from 96th District S.C. about 1771 or 1772. He and his wife Ruth are both buried near the mouth of Cherokee Creek, Washington County, Tenn.

After Col. Jacob Brown's death, Ruth Gordon Brown, his widow, took over the extensive interests owned by Col. Jacob Brown.

For children and their descendants of Ruth Gordon Brown and her husband, Col. Jacob Brown, see Part II, page 120.

WILLIAM GORDON

Son of John Gordon and Wife Ruth

V. William Gordon
m. Elizabeth

Their children:

1. William Gordon, Jr.
2. John Gordon
3. Posey Gordon
4. Cassandra Gordon

William Gordon, planter, son of John Gordon and his wife, Ruth Gordon, was born about 1742 in Fairfax County, Virginia; removed to Berkeley Co., S.C. 1749 with his parents at age of about seven years.

In 1756 after his father's death, purchased 460 acres of his father's land from his brother Thomas Gordon, heir at law of their father. See Part I, page 22.

Married about 1770 Elizabeth (surname not known) marriages were not recorded in S.C. at that date.

In 1773 after the death of his brother, John Gordon, Jr., William Gordon, planter, purchased from his brother, Thomas Gordon, 300 acres of land that had belonged to John Gordon, Jr., deceased. Thomas Gordon being heir at law of John Gordon, Jr. This land joined the Gordon homeplace where Ruth Anderson, mother of William Gordon was living in 1773 with her two youngest sons, Govin and George Gordon. (See deed Thomas Gordon and wife Elizabeth to William Gordon, Part I, page 28.

William Gordon and his wife Elizabeth, had no doubt been living on his plantation that he had purchased from his brother Thomas Gordon in 1756 as he was a planter according to the deed of 1773, and they were now moving to be near his mother, Ruth Anderson as before stated.

William Gordon joined the militia in Col. Brandon's Regiment in the Revolutionary War and served as Captain before and after the fall of Charleston.

On April 19, 1781, William Gordon made his will. He was at

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home at the time, probably on sick leave or wounded and had come home to die. He died the following year during the war. His will was probated Nov. 7, 1782.

Will of William Gordon:—

State of South Carolina

Ninety-six District

Date: April 19, 1781, probated Nov. 7, 1782.

Recorded in Book "AB," pages 50 & 51.

William Gordon of Ninety-six District, South Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory makes last will and testament in following manner.

First I give my soul into the hands of the Almighty God my Creator hoping for remission of my sins through the mercies of my Blessed Saviour and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors.

Gives to my son William Gordon one hundred and fifty acres of land part of a two hundred acre tract known by the name of Ford survey.

Gives to my son John Gordon one hundred and fifty acres joining George Gordon's line part of a tract where I now live, running up and down the river.

Gives to my son Posey Gordon one hundred and fifty acres joining the other part of the same tract I now live on.

Gives to my daughter Cassey Gordon the plantation where I now live, the remainder of my land with fifty acres joining part of Ford's Survey.

Gives to loving wife Elizabeth Gordon all my negroes and the residue of my estate both real and personal during her life and widowhood, and then to be equally divided between my four children, William, John, Posey and Cassey.

Appoints my wife Elizabeth Gordon, Thomas Gordon and Gabriel Anderson, Executrix and Executors.

Witnesses: William Cureton

his

Thomas x Perey

mark

her

Penelope x Perey

mark

William Gordon

William Gordon, Son of John Gordon and Wife Ruth

William Gordon's Rev. War Accounts:

Department of Archives, Columbia, S.C.

Captain William Gordon—In militia in Col. Brandon's Regiment before the fall of Charleston.

Account No. 2853 Book X, paid to Philip Awbrey Feb. 10, 1791, Administrator of Estate of William Gordon, deceased.

For Militia duty in Col. Brandon's Regiment since the fall of Charleston.

Account No. 2856 Book X paid Feb. 2, 1791 to Thomas Gordon, administrator of William Gordon.

William Gordon, a good son, a devoted husband and father and a valiant soldier rose to the rank of Captain in the Revolutionary War and died for the cause of liberty.

It is possible that Philip Awbrey married Elizabeth Gordon, widow of William Gordon before 1791 and was made one of the administrators of Wm. Gordon's Estate in the place of Gabriel Anderson, who may have resigned. The following deeds suggest it.

Deed E. pp. 9 & 10, Newberry Co., S.C. Book KKKK p. 338, date March 10, 1787:

Philip Awbrey of Newberry Co., S.C., planter sells to Awbrey Noland, Gent, 480 acres on Tyger river.

Wit: Levy Anderson, Samuel Awbrey, Govin Gordon. No dower.

Deed E—402 date Dec. 9, 1801:

Philip Awbrey planter of Newberry Co., S.C. agrees to sell 200 acres to Robert Johnston.

Philip Awbrey's wife, *Elizabeth*.

For children and their descendants of William Gordon and his wife Elizabeth see Part II, page 125.

GOVIN GORDON

Son of John Gordon and Wife Ruth

VI. Govin Gordon
m. Sarah

Their Children:

1. Govin Gordon, Jr.
 2. Andrew Gordon
 3. Rebecca Gordon
 4. Ruthy Gordon
 5. Violet Gordon
 6. Hannah Gordon
 7. James Gordon
- probably others

Govin Gordon, Planter, son of John Gordon, and his wife, Ruth Gordon, was born about 1747 in Fairfax Co., Virginia, removed to Berkeley Co., S. C. with his parents in 1749 at age of about two years. Govin Gordon's father died when Govin was about nine years old.

In 1759 Thomas Gordon, oldest brother of Govin Gordon, made a "Deed Gift" of the Upper part of the Gordon home place to Govin who was then in the care of his mother, Ruth Gordon, in trust for him. The land was on the Enoree river, a grant to their father, John Gordon in 1751, and when the counties were formed in S.C. fell in Union Co., S.C.

Govin Gordon married Sarah (surname not known).

Govin Gordon served in the Rev. War before and after the fall of Charleston, and rose to the rank of Captain.

Govin Gordon's Rev. War Account (X1904) S.C. Dept of Archives:

Served 52 days duty as Lieut. of horse in Capt. McKeys Company, 1778, 61 days as Captain of Foot, 223 days as Capt. of horse, Feb. 1, 1779 to Jan. 30, 1781, the whole in Col. Brandon's Regiment.

Govin Gordon was paid for a mare impressed for public use Account (X1710)

Govin Gordon, Son of John Gordon and Wife Ruth

Pension application papers of Major Samuel Otterson for Rev. War Services: "He recollects from 1778 to 1779 he was a great portion of his time commanding scouting parties against Tories—and was frequently joined by Capt. Govin Gordon."

On June 12, 1805 Govin Gordon and his wife Sarah of Union District, S.C. sold to Burwell Chick of Newberry Dist., S.C. 108½ acres in Union and Newberry Dists. on Enoree river bounded by D. Henderson's and Posey Gordon's land.

Witnesses: Aaron Cates, Andrew Gordon, Posey Gordon.

Deed recorded in Union Co., S.C.

Govin Gordon, planter of Union Dist. S.C., sold to David Glenn, planter of Newberry Dist., S.C., twenty acres of land on Enoree Tract

Beginning at a stake on Thomas Gordon Survey running to John Gordon

Thence along Posey Gordon line

Thence along George Gordon's land

Thence to Govin Gordon's line.

Date Feb. 11, 1806

John Gordon,¹ Burwell Chick, A. Cale

S. C. Newberry Dist.

Personally appeared before me Thomas Wadlington, one of the Justices of Quorum in and for the District aforesaid, John Gordon who being sworn as the law directs, deposeth and saith that he did see Govin Gordon Senr. subscribe his name to the within deed for the intent and purpose within mentioned, and also did see A. Cale and Burwell Chick with himself subscribe their names as witnesses to the within deed sworn to and subscribed to before me the 6th day of July 1806.

Thomas Wadlington, Ju. Q. John Gordon¹

Govin Gordon and his wife removed to Jones Co., Georgia. The land lottery drawing records, nor the deed records of Georgia show no property coming into Govin Gordon. The tax digest shows Govin Gordon owning three slaves and 202½ acres of land on Cedar Creek in Jones Co., Ga. date 1811.

Govin Gordon's will written July 16, 1814, probated Dec. 14, 1815 Jones Co., Ga. Court Ordinary, December term:

¹Son of William Gordon

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Govin Gordon being in perfect health of body and of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God—

Gives to beloved wife Sarah everything he possessed, during her life or widowhood except at my death I give to my youngest son James Gordon one half of my lands, one horse and saddle and bridle, one feather bed and furniture, also to George Autrey one horse, saddle and bridle. After wife's death or widowhood gives to youngest son James Gordon all the rest of my lands and houses.

All the rest of his property to be equally divided between my four daughters, Rebecca Noland, Vilet Chandler, Hannah Dumas & Ruthy Gary. As for the rest of my children, I have given them all their portion.

Ordains two sons, Andrew and James Gordon Executors.

Witnesses: John Dumas, Jesse Chandler, sg. Govin Gordon.

Govin Gordon, a true patriot, early aroused himself to answer the call for freedom, his heroism bears no shadow of reservation. He joined the Militia in Colonel Brandon's Regiment, 1778 in the Revolutionary War and served with valor as Lieutenant and Captain before and after the fall of Charleston.

A good husband and father and a successful planter he provided well for his family and saw to it that each received his portion in the division of his estate.

Sarah Gordon, widow of Govin Gordon, Sr. moved to Greene Co., Ala., after her husband, Govin Gordon, Sr.'s death, with her two married daughters, Violet Chandler and Ruthy Gary and their families and Govin Gordon, Jr.

Sarah Gordon's will signed June 5, 1835, Will Book C, P 225, Greene Co., Ala.

"To my third daughter Violet Chandler, slave for life, at her death to her son James Chandler. To my granddaughter Sarah Gary my bed. Residue of my goods may be divided equally between my two daughters."

Witnesses: Benton Seale, Alexander Ingram

For the children and their descendants of Govin Gordon and his wife Sarah Gordon see Part II page 139.

GEORGE GORDON

Son of John Gordon and Wife Ruth

VII. George Gordon

b. May 2, 1752, Berkeley Co., S.C.

d. 1832, St. Helena Parish, La.

m. in S.C. Elizabeth

b. Dec. 26, 1764

Their children:

1. John Gordon, b. Nov. 9, 1780
2. Thomas Gordon, b. Dec. 23, 1782
3. Mary Gordon, b. Jan. 1, 1785
4. Ann Gordon, b. Feb. 17, 1787
5. Ruth White Gordon, b. Dec. 18, 1788
d. Jan. 16, 1789
6. William Stark Gordon, b. Dec. 22, 1789
7. Rachel Gordon, b. June 12, 1792
8. Leah Gordon, b. Dec. 15, 1794
9. Elizabeth Gordon, b. July 2, 1797
10. Milbrey Gordon, b. July 20, 1801
11. Lorren Gordon, b. Jan. 16, 1803
d. Sept. 12, 1813¹

George Gordon, planter, youngest son of John Gordon and his wife Ruth, was born May 2, 1752 in Berkeley County, South Carolina, which later became Newberry County, South Carolina. At the tender age of four years George Gordon lost his father, and at the age of seven years, 1759, his older brother, Thomas Gordon, heir at law of their father John Gordon, made a deed gift of the home place in Newberry and Union Counties to George and his brother Govin Gordon, who were then in the care of their mother, in trust for them as shown before on Part I page 23.

George Gordon received the lower part of the plantation where

¹A paper on which George Gordon wrote the names, dates of births of himself, his wife and their children, also date of his marriage, is now in the possession of descendants of his son Thomas Gordon. Mrs. J. A. Key, now deceased, who owned the paper, furnished the information before her death.

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the dwelling houses were and where Ruth Gordon, his mother, lived—250 acres.

There were no schools in this part of South Carolina but teachers were employed to teach in the homes and George Gordon received the best advantages that were offered. He grew to manhood on the plantation with his mother where with the exception of a brief stay in the Anderson home during her marriage to Abraham Anderson, she lived out her days. He was married Jan. 12, 1779 during the Revolutionary War to Elizabeth (her maiden surname not known) and after the fall of Charleston, 1780, he entered the war by joining the militia in Colonel Thomas Brandon's Regiment.

Revolutionary War account of George Gordon, South Carolina Department of Archives, Columbia, S. C.

Account #2854 Book X May 26, 1786 George Gordon for militia duty in Brandon's Regiment since the fall of Charleston to Anderson's return.

George Gordon's Order—South Carolina, Newberry Dist. Jan. 17, 1786. Messrs. Boequit Mitchell Commissioner Gent of the Treasury.

Please deliver to Col. John Lindsey my indent with the interest due thereon and oblige your humble servant.

George Gordon

I hereby certify that I saw George Gordon sign the above order this 17th day of January, 1786.

Robert Rutherford, J.P.

George Gordon's Revolutionary War services have been established with the Daughters of the American Revolution by Mrs. B. D. Marshall, nee Erminie Northcutt; D. A. R. No. 295878

U. S. Census 1790 Newberry Dist. South Carolina

George Gordon—1 male over 16 yrs., including head of family. 3 males under 16 yrs., 4 females, 5 slaves.

The above shows George Gordon, his three sons, John, Thomas and William S. Gordon, his wife Elizabeth and daughters Mary and Ann Gordon and no doubt his mother, Ruth, who was living with them, age about 71 years.

At this time George Gordon was prospering on his plantation in South Carolina, also with other assets as shown later.

George Gordon, Son of John Gordon and Wife Ruth

In 1792, two years later, Kentucky became a state and a great deal was being written and told about its fertile soil with abundant crops, its mild climate and the great opportunities there. The territory south of the Green River in Kentucky that had previously been reserved by Virginia for military grants was now open for settlement by an act passed Dec. 21, 1795, and in 1797 persons over 21 years of age with a family could enter a survey of not more than 200 acres and not less than 100 acres and had to be bona fide settlers on the land for one year before they came into actual possession.

The gap in the Cumberland Mountains where the present states of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia meet, had been discovered, about a century before, and since then adventurers had been passing through this gateway over rough roads, facing the Indians from the east to the boundless west. Twenty years before, Daniel Boone and his companions had passed through the Gap on their hunting trips and trapping for furs, and many changes had been made since then. The Indians had been defeated, the pack horse trails had been made into wagon roads, the post riders were carrying the mail from the east to the west, and settlers were beginning to pour into the new open land.

Although George Gordon and his family were comfortably situated in their own surroundings in South Carolina, they were being lured by the prospects and soon joined the migration to the new land that was beckoning to them. In about the year 1796¹ they bade farewell to their relatives and friends and started on their journey.

The move, however, seemed somewhat of a venture for George Gordon as he did not sell his land in South Carolina before leaving, probably thinking that he might not fare so well in the new land and would want to return to his home in South Carolina. Among others from Newberry County, South Carolina going with them were William Wadlington² and William Stark.²

Since their plans were to go to Christian County, Kentucky, the Cumberland Gap would have been out of the way and they prob-

¹Rachel Gordon, daughter of George Gordon was born 1792 in S. C., U. S. Census 1850, Amite Co., Miss.

Elizabeth Gordon, daughter of George Gordon was born 1797 in Kentucky according to 1850 U. S. Census, St. Helena Parish, La.

²Records in Livingston County, Ky.

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ably followed the Catawba Trail to the point in Tennessee east of Knoxville where the Cumberland Trace turned off. This ran through Knoxville to Nashville. From there they would have followed the local trails to Christian County, Ky.

George Gordon received two grants of land in Christian County, Kentucky—

200 acres on Flynn Fork, March 31, 1798, Book I, P. 497

200 acres on Hurricane Fork, March 12, 1799, Book I, P. 498

This land became a part of Livingston County, Kentucky when Livingston County was formed from Christian County, Kentucky.

On October 1, 1799, Mary Gordon, daughter of George Gordon and his wife Elizabeth was married to Arthur H. Davis.¹ This romance and marriage, no doubt, helped to make things pleasant for the family in Kentucky, and feeling satisfied with the move, on Dec. 15, 1800 George Gordon and wife Elizabeth sold their land in South Carolina to his brother Govin Gordon, Sr. of Union County, S.C.

The deed shows that Govin Gordon, Jr., son of Govin Gordon, Sr., made the trip to Livingston County, Kentucky to get the deed which he witnessed and recorded in Union County, S.C. on his return to S. C. Also witnessing the deed were John Gordon, son of George Gordon, and Arthur H. Davis,¹ son-in-law of George Gordon.

George Gordon had other interests in South Carolina that he had not been able to settle and on Mar. 10, 1802, gave power of attorney to Govin Gordon of S.C. to collect certain money owing to him in S.C.²

It was in Livingston Co., Ky., that George Gordon and his family met the Miller family who had gone there from Edgefield Co., S.C., and John Gordon, son of George and Elizabeth Gordon, married Mary Miller, date 1802, and Thomas Gordon, son of George and Elizabeth Gordon, married Ann Miller, 1804.¹ Mary and Ann Miller were daughters of James Miller and his wife, Lydia Miller. Also, George and Elizabeth Gordon's daughter Ann Gordon married James Y. McNabb in Kentucky.

After a ten year stay in Kentucky, George Gordon's adventurous spirit was again to answer the call of the land.

¹Marriage Record in Livingston Co., Ky.

²Deed Book A, P. 18, Livingston Co., Ky.

George Gordon, Son of John Gordon and Wife Ruth

The Louisiana Purchase had brought new territory into the United States. This treaty ceding Louisiana to the United States was concluded April 30, 1803 in Paris, France.

The lower Mississippi Valley that was called the Province of Louisiana with New Orleans as its Capital and extended south of the Mississippi River and west from the Mississippi River to the western boundary and was owned by France, was added to the United States by France in the treaty.

The land extending east from the Mississippi River to the Pearl River and lying south of Mississippi Territory was in the possession of Spain who claimed it as West Florida although the United States considered it a part of the Louisiana Purchase.

At this time a good deal was being said and written in praise of "Spain's West Florida." Unlike the alluvial land west of the Mississippi River, it was a high wooded section and many Irish, English and Scotch settlers of the Carolinas were locating claims along its fresh water streams, creeks and rivers. They obtained the land from the Spanish Government "Under Spanish Grants" by right of settlement or by purchase and were called "Private Claims."

George Gordon and the Millers may have had relatives and friends among these settlers who were urging them to join them. With these encouragements, and the land being plentiful, George Gordon began making plans to take advantage of the opportunities that lay ahead in the move by selling his land in Ky.

On Oct. 29, 1805 George Gordon and wife Elizabeth of Livingston County, Ky. sold to John Gordon of same place, 200 acres of land on Flynn Fork in Livingston Co., Ky.

Witnesses: James Y. McNabb, William Stark.

Deed Book A, P. 189, Livingston Co., Ky.

George Gordon and wife Elizabeth sold to Thomas Gordon 200 acres of land on Hurricane Fork in Livingston Co., Ky., the same year.

Deed Book A, P. 192, Livingston Co., Ky.

Also deeded land in Livingston Co., Ky. to Richard Hayes, date 1806. Deed Book A, P. 248, Livingston Co., Ky.

The Natchez Trace that led from Nashville, Tennessee to Natchez, Mississippi was the major route of travel toward Louisiana (southward), and although it was a dangerous road, as highwaymen often

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attacked the travelers, the Gordons and Millers would have taken this route which would have been fairly safe with their sons and slaves and plenty of guns and ammunition. At Natchez, they would have turned off on local roads to reach their destination.

George Gordon located a Private Claim in West Florida in the Greensburg Land District.

"George Gordon. Cosby No. 550, Certificate No. 703, Section 55 T I S R 5 E—639.20 acres."

This was shown under Cosby's Report of 1813. The Certificate No. 703 indicates that the George Gordon grant was from the Spanish Government. Cosby was a surveyor.

The land was in Township I, South, Range 5, East and was bounded on the West by the Tickfaw River and on the north by Mississippi Territory. The official record of this Private Claim is the official plat of the township.

In 1819 the United States paid Spain for both East and West Florida, and George Gordon's claim was confirmed by the act of March 3, 1819 (3 Stat. 528) without the issue of a patent.

This land became a part of St. Helena Parish, La., and George Gordon spent his remaining years on the land where he died intestate 1832. His succession recorded at Greensburg Courthouse, Sept. 18, 1835, names his wife Elizabeth and their children.

Elizabeth Gordon, wife of Renny Lee; Ann Gordon, wife of James Y. McNabb; William S. Gordon; Leah Gordon, wife of Daniel Cryer; Mary Gordon, wife of Arthur Davis; Rachel Gordon, wife of George Raborn, deceased; John Gordon, heir at law of John Gordon, deceased; and Sarah Parker, wife of James Parker; Eliza, William and Sarah Prescott, heirs of Milbrey and Michael Prescott; Thomas Gordon. William S. Gordon was administrator of the Estate. The property was divided into two lots of equal size. Mrs. Elizabeth Gordon, George Gordon's widow, drew lot No. 1, and William Thompson drew Lot No. 2 for the heirs.

George Gordon, brave and adventurous, died at the age of 80 years after a long and eventful life. He had lived to tell his grandchildren of his early childhood in the Carolina hills when the buffalo, deer, bears and wild turkeys roamed the forests and the Indians were greatly feared. You can see the children listening intently as he told of the days when as a lad he and his mother and young

George Gordon, Son of John Gordon and Wife Ruth

brothers had lived at the Fort while his older brothers fought in the armies in the Cherokee War; and of the Revolutionary War when he fought in the militia, and when so much around them was laid to waste. Of the later days on the wagon train over the roads to Kentucky, and of their life in the Blue Grass state, and of the dangers and the beauty of the Natchez Trace that led them to Louisiana.

Far from his native land as his thoughts went back, we can know that again and again he told eager ears the stories. How interesting and encouraging it would be to his descendants today if the same could be read from his nostalgic pen.

George Gordon and his wife Elizabeth were buried on their plantation in St. Helena Parish, La. The tombstones have been removed from their graves.

For children and their descendants of George Gordon and his wife Elizabeth Gordon, see Part II, page 162.

The story of our Gordon family, of John Gordon and his wife Ruth of Virginia and South Carolina, would not be complete without a grateful tribute to Ruth Gordon (later Anderson) our earliest grandmother from whom our Gordons are descended whose records can be found.

Leaving relatives and friends and the comforts of her home in Virginia to face the perils and trials of a new life in a new land, with no churches, no schools and no settled government, there to help build a new society, soon to be widowed, her goodly heritage and courageous spirit never failed her. With responsibilities heavy upon her she held close to her children and educated and reared them in Christian faith. In their business relations she saw that fairness was given to all.

She was a good mother and a good stepmother, holding all together in affection, she appears the utmost embodiment of mother love.

The wars pressed her hard. Three of her oldest sons fought in the Indian wars and she saw five of her sons march off to the Revolutionary War, one of whom, William Gordon, did not survive. She spent her last years at the old Gordon home with her youngest son, George Gordon, who had inherited the plantation. There she passed her allotted three score and ten years to relive

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the salient moments of the past and to enjoy the peace and freedom for which she had given so much.

Three of her sons of whom we have record had daughters named for her, and it is pleasing to know that her name has been carried on through several of the families of her descendants, to the present day.

*“A perfect woman, nobly planned,
To warn, to comfort, and command.
And yet a spirit still and bright
With something of Angelic light.”*

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Part II

CHILDREN AND THEIR DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS GORDON AND HIS WIFE ELIZABETH

Continued from Part I, page 34

1. Ruth Gordon, heroine of Revolutionary War¹

b. Berkeley Co., S. C.

d. Before 1837

m. Samuel Otterson

b. April 1, 1754, Berkeley Co., S. C.

d. Sept. 11, 1837, Greene Co., Ala.

Lieut. and Major in Revolutionary War²

Will of Major Samuel P. Otterson Will Book B, P. 199, Greene Co., Ala.

Signed May 2, 1837, probated Jan. 8, 1838.

Names their children

¹History of Grindal Shoals by Rev. J. D. Bailey, 1921, quoting from "Traditions of Rev. War" by Mrs. Angelica Nott, wife of Abram Nott.

"Major Samuel Otterson's wife knew where a keg of powder was hid, and learning that the Tories were coming to get it, she went in the night and blew it up. In the morning the Tories came and demanded it; she told them what she had done. They did not believe her, so they cut her dress off at the waist and drove her before them to show the powder. When they came to the place the evidence was sufficient as to the fate of the powder."

²Revolutionary War pension Application papers of Samuel Otterson, date 1832 National Archives and Records Service, Washington 25, D. C., S 25344 and S 32 424 tell of his services in the Revolutionary War, and give the date and place of his birth. That he removed to Greene Co., Ala., 1824 and settled on a place near the head of Trussell's Creek, a branch of the Tombigbee River where he then resided; gives as evidence of his age that he copied it from his father's Bible into his own. From the commencement of the War he was a volunteer. Served as Lieutenant and Major.

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1790 U. S. Census Union Co., S. C.

Samuel Otterson, 2 males over 16 yrs., 6 males under 16, 9 females, 10 slaves

There was evidently another family living in their home as records show that some of their children were born after 1790. They had 12 children as follows:

a. Rebecca Otterson

b. Union Dist., S. C.

d.

m. Wright

Applied for arrears of her father's pension, 1841

b. Methana Otterson

b. Union Dist., S. C.

d.

m. Benjamin Johnson

Methana Johnson living in Neshoba Co., Miss. June 11, 1841 when Major Samuel P. Otterson's children applied for arrears of his pension.

c. Sidney Otterson

b. Union Dist., S. C.

d.

m. Savage

Applied for arrears of her father's pension, 1841

d. Mary Otterson

b. Feb. 7, 1786, Union Dist., S. C.

d. Sept. 6, 1845, Greene Co., Ala.

Applied for arrears of her father's pension, 1841

m. Henry Walker

b. May 20, 1774, Lunenburg Co., Va.

d. Oct. 4, 1856, Greene Co., Ala.

Both buried in old Otterson Graveyard in Greene Co., Ala.

No other Otterson tombstones there.

1. Cephas R. Walker

b. 1823

d. Nov. 12, 1882

b. Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala. Location Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church

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Court Minutes Greene Co., Ala., Book L, p. 256

Cephas R. Walker Admr. of his father Henry Walker. Was the only child and heir at law.

His bond: \$63,000. Samuel O. Gordon and Daniel G. Mayes, securities

Cephas R. Walker

m. 1st June 17, 1847, Mary E. Gordon

b. Jan. 18, 1830

d. Feb. 7, 1857

Buried Mesopotamia Cem. Eutaw, Ala. Dau. of Samuel O. Gordon & wife, Annie G. Otterson

No children

m. 2nd Fannie A. Kennedy

b. Sept. 18, 1833

d. May 10, 1880

b. Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala., beside her husband, Cephas R. Walker. Dau. of Rev. R. W. B. Kennedy.

United with church 1845 on tombstone

No children

m. 3rd 1881 Mary E. Archibald m. F 1, p. 271 Greene Co., Ala. records.

No children

Cephas R. Walker's will Greene Co., Ala. states no descendants—only a cousin, Daniel G. Mayes.

e. Cynthia Otterson

b. Oct. 3, 1787, Union Dist., S. C.

d. June 28, 1852

Applied for arrears of her father's pension, 1841

m. Anthony Mayes

b. Feb. 19, 1782

d. Sept. 10, 1848

Both buried Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.

Cynthia Mayes' will—Book C, P. 174, Greene Co., Ala.

John R. Mayes, Thomas N. Mayes, Daniel G. Mayes, bondsmen. Daniel G. Mayes, Admr.

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1. Lucinda Mayes
 - b.
 - d.
 - m. Henry Walker
Moved to Leake Co., Miss.
2. Thomas N. Mayes
 - b. 1812, S. C.
 - d.
 - m. 1834, Catherine Alexander
b. 1810, N. C.
Marriage Book B, P. 91, Greene Co., Ala.
Moved to Milam Co., Texas
 - (a) Cynthia A. Mayes b. 1835, Ala.
 - (b) Anthony A. Mayes b. 1836, Ala.
 - (c) Robert B. Mayes b. 1838, Ala.Muster Rolls Confederate States of America
Texas State Archives
R. B. Mayes Pvt. Comm. Off. Capt. Jefferson C. Rogers,
Co. C. Milam Co. Greys 5th Reg. Texas Volunteers. In-
fantry Confederate States Army. Enlisted Aug. 10, 1861
at Cameron, Texas for the duration of the war.
 - (d) David H. Mayes b. 1840, Ala.
 - (e) Mary E. Mayes b. 1842, Ala.
 - (f) Daniel G. Mayes b. 1844, Ala.
 - (g) Joseph A. Mayes b. 1846, Ala.
 - (h) James N. Mayes b. 1849, Ala.
3. Harvey H. Mayes
 - b.
 - d.
 - Moved to Leake Co., Miss.
4. Albert Bradley Mayes
 - b. Aug. 11, 1816, S. C.
 - d. July 30, 1892
Buried Bethsalem Presbyterian Cemetery, Greene Co.,
Ala.
 - m. Jan. 23, 1845, Rachel Means
M. Book B, P. 361, Greene Co., Ala.

Descendants of Thomas Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

Albert B. Mayes—Justice of Peace, Pickens Co., Ala.
War between the States. Exemption from military service.

Confederate Army Authority. Governors' correspondence
1863-1864.

5. Ruth E. Mayes

m. Robert Beggs

Moved to Leon Co., Texas

6. Daniel Gray Mayes, Merchant Bilogee, Greene Co., Ala., 1870

b. May 9, 1820, S. C.

d. April 1, 1894

m. Isabella Blakeley, 1853 m. Record C-1, p. 105,
Greene Co., Ala.

b. April 10, 1830, Ireland

d. Dec. 9, 1906

Both buried Bethsalem Cemetery, Bilogee, Greene Co., Ala.

Will of Daniel G. Mayes Greene Co., Ala. Book E, P. 128. Enlisted Mar. 29, 1862 in Col. Byrds Regt. for 90 day troops

Confederate Army Pvt. Home Guard, West Greene Co., Ala.

(a) Martha E. Mayes

b. Sept. 6, 1854

d. Jan. 1914

b. Bethsalem Cemetery (Presbyterian) Bilogee,
Greene Co., Ala.

(b) Cephas T. Mayes

b. July 8, 1857

d. July 7, 1858

b. Bethsalem Presbyterian Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.

(c) Elizabeth Ann (Lizzie A.) Mayes

b. Sept. 7, 1859

d. Jan. 10, 1897

b. Bethsalem Presbyterian Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.

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- (d) Ruth Isabella Mayes
 - b. Feb. 24, 1866
 - d. Oct. 9, 1950
 - m. June 27, 1895 Ethridge W. Murphree
 - M. Book F, P. 589, Greene Co., Ala.
 - b. Oct. 23, 1864
 - d. April 26, 1938
 - 1. Infant son died Mar. 9, 1898
 - 2. Kathleen Mayes Murphree
 - b. Nov. 26, 1900
 - m. Dec. 5, 1925, Tillman A. Stone
 - b. Oct. 10, 1898
 - a. Ruth Alice Stone
 - b. Dec. 27, 1929
 - m. Oct. 4, 1952, Everett W. Strange, Jr.
 - 3 children
 - 3. Jesse Ellis Murphree
 - b. Feb. 26, 1904
 - m. Dec. 24, 1932, Angie Maye Hicks
 - d. 1957
 - a. Martha Hicks Murphree
 - b. Oct. 23, 1933
 - m. George R. Smith
 - A son and a daughter
 - b. Mary Ellis Murphree
 - b. July 27, 1935
 - m. Allen K. Brown
 - 2 boys
- (e) Sarah Ellen Mayes
 - b. Feb. 29, 1868
 - d. April 21, 1946
 - m. 1898 Henry T. Kirkland, Sr.
 - b. June 9, 1860
 - d. Mar. 4, 1937
 - Both buried Bethsalem Presbyterian Cemetery,
Greene Co., Ala.

Descendants of Thomas Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

1. Henry T. Kirkland, Jr.
 - b. July 24, 1899
 - d. Aug. 16, 1957
 - World War I, Ala. Pvt. Stu. Army T N G Corps
 - b. Bethsalem Presbyterian Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
- m. June 1, 1925, Mary Lee Montgomery
 - b. Dec. 13, 1902
 - Daughter of Judge L. H. Montgomery, Greene Co., Ala.
- a. Eula Montgomery Kirkland
 - b. Jan. 25, 1926
 - m. 1st Nov. 7, 1945, Henry E. Smallwood
 1. Dale Smallwood
 - b. June 18, 1947
 - m. 2nd Feb. 22, 1958, Dr. W. C. Fontaine
 1. Eric Kirkland Fontaine
 - b. Jan. 15, 1961
2. Daniel Mayes Kirkland
 - b. Dec. 13, 1900
 - d. Mar. 16, 1902
 - b. Bethsalem Presbyterian Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
3. Robert Randolph Kirkland
 - b. Feb. 16, 1903
 - d. June 30, 1904
 - b. Bethsalem Presbyterian Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
4. Isabella Kirkland
 - b. Dec., 1904
 - d. June 15, 1907

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5. Sarah Kirkland
b. Oct. 20, 1910
m. May 30, 1929, Albert Witherspoon
- (f) Daniel G. Mayes, Jr.
b. Sept. 19, 1870
d. Sept. 6, 1944
m. Sept. 16, 1897, Mary K. Sanford
b. Nov. 6, 1875
d. June 21, 1941
M. Book 5, P. 277, Sumter Co., Ala.
 1. Sanford Grey Mayes
b. Jan. 14, 1899
Served in World War I. Was a student at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, now Auburn University, when he went into the service.
Sanford Grey Mayes 445539 Priv. S. A.
T. C. Major Q. M. Corps.
Albert T. Barrs
Cap't. Inf. U. S. A.
Honorably discharged at expiration of service.
m. June 13, 1949, Martha Sanders
b. April 1, 1909, Pike Co., Ala.
No children
7. Elmira Jane Mayes
b. April 21, 1822
d. Mar. 8, 1851
b. Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
8. Sarah Ann Mayes
b. Nov. 25, 1825
d. Dec. 16, 1849
b. Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
Inscription on tomb:
*"Remember ladies as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now so you must be
Prepare for death and follow me."*

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9. Mary Louise Mayes
 - b. July 31, 1827
 - d. Aug. 5, 1856
 - b. Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
10. James M. Mayes, M.D.
 - b. May 4, 1829. Living in Leake Co., Miss. in 1852
 - d. Dec. 6, 1871
 - b. Bethsalem Presbyterian Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
11. John K. Mayes
 - b. 1831
 - d. 1854, Greene Co., Ala.
 - Final settlement of his estate Nov. 7, 1856 Book I, P. 477. Left all to his brothers and sisters, Greene Co., Ala.
12. Samuel O. Mayes
 - b.
 - d.
 - m. Mary S. Bauchillon
 - Moved to Leake Co., Miss.
- f. John Otterson
 - b.
 - d. Nov. 21, 1840
 - Never married
 - Noncupative will recorded 1840 in Greene Co., Ala. Leaves all to his sister, Ruth Otterson.
- g. James Otterson
 - b. 1790, S. C.
 - Never married
 - Applied for arrears of father's pension, 1841
 - Living in the home of Amos Lay in 1850 in Greene Co., Ala., age 60 years.
- h. Samuel Otterson, Jr., M.D.
 - b. 1792 Union Co., S. C.
 - d.
- m. Narcissa McKie
 - b. 1797, S. C.
 - Daughter of Alexander McKie & wife, Margaret Thompson¹ McKie of Spartanburg, S. C.

¹Margaret Thompson, daug. of Wm. Thompson, who deeded to Narcissa McKie Lot No. 18, ½ acre in town of Spartanburg. Deed Book I, P. 246

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Dr. Samuel Otterson, Jr. owned 2700 acres of land on Thickety Creek and its branches, Lime Kiln Creek and Bullock Creek in Spartanburg, S. C.¹ Lived at Limestone Springs (now Gaffney in Cherokee Co., S. C.) Spartanburg Co., 1850. Served in the State Legislature of S. C.

Dr. Samuel Otterson was one of Major Samuel Otterson's ten children who made application for arrears in the pension of their father Dec. 12, 1855.

The following letter by James L. Orr, a member of the S. C. State Legislature, in regard to the application:

"House of Representatives, 12th Dec. 1855

Sir:

I enclose you the affidavit of Dr. Samuel Otterson of Spartanburg Dist. So. Ca. who applies for arrears of pension due his father at the time of his decease.

Dr. Otterson is a gentleman of the highest character and respectability, an ex member of the South Carolina Legislature and I place the most implicit credence in any statement he may make. His identity is unquestioned.

Very respectfully,
James L. Orr

House of Reps. Dec. 12, 1855

Hon. James L. Orr"

Recorded Nat. Archives & Records Service, Washington, D. C.

Children of Dr. Samuel Otterson and wife, Narcissa McKie

1850 U. S. Census, Spartanburg Co., S. C.

Samuel Otterson age 58 b. S. C.

Narcissa Otterson age 53 b. S. C.

Melissa Otterson age 18 b. S. C.

Nancy Otterson age 16 b. S. C.

Margaret Otterson age 14 b. S. C.

Samuel Otterson age 12 b. S. C.

There is an almost obscure graveyard near "Otterson's Fort" in Union Co., S. C. on Tyger River.

Dr. Samuel Otterson of Limestone Springs, S. C. (now Gaffney in Cherokee County, S. C. 1961) was a delegate from his district to a Southern Convention which met in Nashville, Tenn., 1850.

¹Deeds made by Samuel Otterson and wife, Narcissa in Spartanburg Co., S. C.

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The object of the Convention being the preservation of the Union in conformity with the principles of the constitution of the United States.

Two delegates were chosen from each congressional district in all of the Southern States. Hon. David Johnson and Col. B. F. Beattie were selected to represent the Pinckneyville District of S. C. and Dr. Samuel Otterson and J. A. Bradley were chosen as alternates.

Hon. David Johnson due to ill health could not attend and his place was filled by Dr. Samuel Otterson, who on his return delivered an address before the citizens of Spartanburg, S. C. of considerable length (see Spartan Files, Oct. 17, 1850) in which among other things he stated that as a member of the Southern Convention at Nashville he would always treasure it as one of the greatest honors ever conferred upon him; that he received from the citizens of that city the most respectful attention.

History of Spartanburg County, S. C. by Dr. J. B. O. Landrum, 1900.

i. Thomas G. Otterson

b.

d.

m. Sarah Savage probably

Will of Capt. John Savage, Sr. Book A, P. 277, Union Co., S. C. Signed Aug. 3, 1812; probated Aug. 11, 1812. Names wife Sarah and daughter Sarah Savage.

Will of Mrs. Sarah Savage, widow; sg. July 18, 1822; Pr. Dec. 7, 1838. B. B., P. 248 Union Co., S. C. Names Sarah Otterson, dec'd daughter—her share to her heirs.

Thomas G. Otterson applied for arrears of father's pension, 1841

j. Ruth Otterson

b.

d. Oct. 24, 1843

Never married; applied for arrears of father's pension, 1841.

Her will recorded in Greene Co., Ala.

Heirs—her brothers and sisters.

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- k. Sarah Otterson
 - b.
 - d. Before 1837
 - m. Amos Lay—b. Va.
 - 1. Jessie Lay
 - b.
 - d.
 - 2. Mary Ann Lay
 - b.
 - d.
 - m. John Clinton
 - 3. Elizabeth Lay
 - b.
 - d.
 - m. Elisha Estes
 - (a) Judith Estes
 - (b) John Estes
 - (c) Elisha Estes
 - 4. Sarah E. Lay
 - b.
 - d.
 - m. John Flowers of Mississippi
 - 5. Samuel O. Lay
 - b.
 - d.
 - 6. James M. Lay
 - 7. Thomas G. Lay
 - b. Feb. 5, 1805
 - d. Feb. 13, 1863
 - m. 1827 Nancy Gordon
 - b. Nov. 25, 1807
 - d. Aug. 30, 1886
 - 8. Vincent Lay
 - 9. Judith I. Lay
 - m. William Cook of Mississippi

Descendants of Thomas Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

1. Nancy Otterson

b.

d.

m. April 26, 1838, Thomas M. Wolstenholme, Minister of Gospel, Pickens Co., Ala.

Nancy Wolstenholme applied for pension arrears of her father 1841

2. Benjamin Gordon

b. About 1765, Newberry Dist., S.C.

d.

m. 1st about 1787, Mary

a. John C. Gordon

b. 1788 Union Dist., S.C.

d.

m. ?

1. John Gordon

2. Jesse Gordon

3. Sarah Gordon

4. Mary Gordon

5. Susan Gordon

b. Thomas Gordon

b. Union Dist., S.C.

d.

m. ?

Moved to Upson Co., Ga.

Several children; (probably their children)

1850 Census Upson Co., Ga.

1. John C. Gordon age 31, farmer

Mary A. Gordon age 24, b. Va.

James Gordon age 5, b. Ga.

Mary Gordon age 3

George W. Gordon age 1

2. Benjamin Goodin (Gordon) age 27, b. Ga.

Clarisse Gordon age 28

Willard Gordon (illegible) 7

Francis Gordon age 5

Benjamin Gordon age 2

Sarah Gordon age 3/12

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3. Dixon P. Gordon age 24, b. Ga. farmer
Selina Gordon age 19, b. N. C.
Mary Gordon age 2, b. Ga.
Ann E. Gordon age 6/12

c. Elizabeth Gordon
b. 1793 Union Dist., S.C.
d. After 1860 Upson Co., Ga.
m. William Verdin (Verden)
Moved to Upson Co., Ga.
Ten children

1840 U. S. Census Upson Co., Ga.

William Verdin

Males	Females
1 under 5 years	1 5-10 years
1 5-10 years	1 10-15 years
1 10-15 years	1 15-20 years
2 15-20 years	2 20-30 years
1 40-50 years	1 40-50 years

William Verden died Dec. 1841 Upson Co., Ga.

His will signed Jan. 21, 1839. Probated Jan. term 1842 Upson Co., Ga.

Heirs named: Elizabeth his wife, Children: Mary Woodall, Martha Brown, Elizabeth Verden, Samuel Verden.

1850 U. S. Census Upson Co., Ga.

Elizabeth Verden age 56
Thomas Verden age 18, b. Ga.
Priscilla Verden age 16, b. Ga.
Benjamin Verden age 14, b. Ga.

1860 U. S. Census Upson Co., Ga.

Elizabeth Verden age 67, b. S. C. farmer
G. Wise overseer age 34
G. A. Woodham age 40—female Domestic, b. Ga.

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1860 U. S. Census Upson Co., Ga.

T. J. Verden age 26 Farmer, b. Ga.
Z. A. Verdin age 24 female, b. Ga.
J. T. Verdin age 6 male, b. Ga.
M. E. Verdin age 9/12 female, b. Ga.
T. J. Verden probably Thomas son of Wm. & Elizabeth
Gordon Verden.

- d. Jesse G. Gordon
 - b. 1795
 - d. June 6, 1847, Greene Co., Ala. Buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
 - m. 1st Elizabeth Stevens
 - b. July 27, 1788
 - d. Sept. 25, 1840
 - No children
 - m. 2nd Dorcas N. Means
 - b.
 - d.
 - No children

Will of Jesse G. Gordon Signed April 25, 1847. Probated Sept. 27, 1847, Greene Co., Ala.

Wills all to his wife, Dorcas, during her life and widowhood, and to his full brothers and sisters at her death or marriage, who were: Thomas Gordon; The children of Ruth Gordon Valentine, deceased; children of John C. Gordon, deceased; Elizabeth Gordon Verden; Mary Gordon Whitlock; Samuel O. Gordon; William Gordon.

- e. William Gordon, farmer
 - b. Nov. 22, 1797, Hancock Co., Ga.
 - d. April 7, 1864, Pickens Co., Ala.
 - m. About 1824 Maria McCracken
 - b. 1804 S. C. or 1803
 - d. Nov. 2, 1856

Both buried in Old Bethany Cemetery, Pickens Co., Ala.

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U. S. Census 1850-1860, Pickens Co., Ala.

William Gordon b. Georgia

William Gordon of Union Dist., S.C. and wife Maria sold their land on the waters of Ottersons Creek, waters of Tyger River in Union Dist., S.C. Dec. 5, 1832. Removed to Pickens Co., Ala. Deed Book W, p. 136 Union Co., S.C.

1. Robert Gordon

b. 1825 Union Co., S.C.

In 1850 U. S. Census, Pickens Co., Ala., was listed student in the home of his parents.

m. Sarah

(a) John Gordon

b. 1856, Ala.

(b) Rebecca Gordon

b. 1859, Ala.

2. Berry H. Gordon

b. Oct. 18, 1827 S.C. Union Co.

d. Feb. 22, 1867

Buried Old Bethany Cemetery, Pickens Co., Ala.

In 1850 U. S. Census, Pickens Co., Ala., was listed as student in home of his parents.

1860 U. S. Census Pickens Co., Ala.

Overseer of his father's plantation.

Served in War between the States, Confederate Army.

Pvt. Co. B Lane Guards 2nd Ala. Regt.

Volunteered 12 mo. Capt. Thomas C. Lanier, Pickens Co., Ala. Original roll Sept. 17, 1861.

B. H. Gordon Pvt. Co. C, 2nd Ala. Cavalry

Enlisted Pickens Co., Ala. Mar. 22, 1862

Remarks Value of horse \$225.00

Muster in roll at Camp Stone May 6, 1862 by J. N. Carpenter

3. Albert Gordon

b. Aug. 1, 1829, S.C.

d. Nov. 27, 1857 age 28 years, 3 mos. 27 days.

P. A. Gordon buried in Old Bethany Cemetery, Pickens Co., Ala.

Descendants of Thomas Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

4. Zulpha Gordon

b. 1833 S.C.

5. Martha Gordon

b. 1837 Alabama

6. James M. Gordon

b. 1841 Ala.

Confederate Army Pvt. Co. E 11th Ala. Infantry Regt.
William Gordon, father, Vienna, Pickens Co., Ala. Care
Benjamin F. Gordon, Atty. Co. B, 11th Ala. Inf. Regt.
No descendants, listed claim filed. Dec. 15, 1862. Killed
in War. Authority—List Condition of Claims 2nd Aud.
C.S. Treas.

7. Henry Gordon

b. 1843 Ala.

8. Elizabeth Gordon

b. 1846 Ala.

At the age of 62 William Gordon was Hotel Keeper. His wife
Maria had died and his two children, Henry H. age 17 and
Elizabeth age 15 were at home with him. His son Berry H.
Gordon, overseer, was probably managing the plantation for
his father. Ref. 1860 U. S. Census Pickens Co., Ala.

f. Ruth Rebecca Gordon

b. d.

m. John C. Valentine

1. Francis Valentine

b. d.

Injured falling from a frightened horse when a small
child. Was lame all of his life, died young. Never
married.

2. Mary Valentine

b.

d. Quite young. Never married.

3. Rebecca Valentine

b. d.

m. Sam Brasfield

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4. Jesse Monroe Valentine, C. S. A. Co. F 7th Battalion,
Confederate Infantry

b. Union Co., S.C.

d.

- m. Priscilla Luther

b. d.

- (a) William Jesse Valentine

b. Cairo near Montpelier, Miss.

m. Virginia Ford

1. John Jackson Valentine, Atty.

b. d.

World War I. Private in Machine Gun
Co. of 51st Infantry U. S. A. 2nd Lieut.
10th U. S. Cavalry, USA World War
II—Major with First Regiment of Ten-
nessee State Guard

m. Virginia Townsend

2. Irma Valentine

b. d.

m. Wilbur Watkins

3. Hugh Monroe Valentine

b. d.

m. Avis Lee

4. William Alonza Valentine

b. d.

Corporal with headquarters of the
92nd Division and served 4 years.
World War II. His division occupied
Hiroshima after Japan was occupied.

5. Mary Clyde Valentine

b.

d. In childhood

6. Frances Virginia Valentine

b.

d. In childhood

Descendants of Thomas Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- (b) John J. Valentine
 - b.
 - d. Died Young
 - Never married
- (c) George Valentine
 - b.
 - d. Died Young
 - Never married
- (d) Oscar Valentine
 - b.
 - d. Died Young
 - Never married
- (e) Louisa Ruth Valentine
 - b. d.
 - m. George Reid
- (f) Margaret Valentine
 - b. d.
 - m. Edward Miller
- (g) Abie Valentine
 - b. d.
 - m. Pearsal Cliett
- g. Samuel Otterson Gordon, Planter, U. S. Census 1860,
Greene Co., Ala. Age 58, b. S.C.
 - b. March 22, 1802 Union Dist., S.C.
 - d. Oct. 2, 1874
 - m. Ann Glenn Sims Dec. 23, 1823
 - Daughter of Patrick Henry Sims of Newberry Co., S.C.
 - b. Dec. 8, 1805
 - d. Aug. 1, 1873

Both buried Mesopotamia Cemetery, Eutaw, Ala. Moved to Greene Co., Ala. about 1836 where Samuel O. Gordon accumulated a comfortable fortune, built several fine colonial residences and the first hotel built owned and operated in Eutaw. One residence still standing in splendid preservation.

Excerpt from a letter to Mrs. B. D. Marshall written by Mr. T. J. Gordon, II of New Orleans, La., date Oct. 13, 1961, who was a grandson of Samuel O. Gordon of Greene Co., Ala.

Gordons of the Deep South

"While in Greene Co., Ala., last week I visited Grandpa's old home built in 1828 and in perfect preservation. The large Colonial columns, mahogany stairs and other things make me wonder at the perfect hand work as none of it is machine made, and timbers are put together with wooden pegs and old square nails. Both grandparents died in that house."

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baines now own and occupy the place. It is located on a paved road between Union and Clinton, Ala. in Greene Co., Ala.

Samuel O. Gordon's will, Book D. p. 311, Eutaw, Ala. Signed Nov. 15, 1871; died Oct. 3, 1874, Greene Co., Ala. Willed everything solely and unconditionally to his wife, Annie G. Gordon; probated Oct. 20, 1874.

1. Harriett Lucinda Gordon
 - b. Sept. 25, 1825 Union Dist. S.C.
 - d. Sept. 22, 1834
2. William Patrick Henry Gordon—U. S. Census 1860
Age 33, b. S.C. Merchant & Planter
 - b. Sept. 2, 1827, Union Dist. S.C.
 - d. May 20, 1864
- m. Dec. 20, 1855 Rachel Lodoski McCracken
 - b. Sept. 29, 1836
 - d. June 1, 1897

Daughter of Wm. McCracken of Greene Co., Ala.
Dept. of Archives & History Military Room Confederate States of America, Ala.

W. P. Gordon 1st Lieut. Co. B 36th Ala. Regt. Died Resaca, Ga. May 20, 1864. Wounded May 14, 1864. List of dead buried in Confederate Cemetery Resaca, Ga. Enlisted Feb. 1862. Served two years. Killed at Battle of Resaca, Ga. in action about 85 miles N. W. of Atlanta when Gen. Johnston was attacked and defeated by Gen. Sherman. Losses on both sides were heavy.

Descendants of Thomas Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- a. Samuel Benjamin Gordon
Died in infancy
- b. William Albert Gordon
 - b. Jan. 29, 1858
 - d. Sept. 1, 1935
Buried Mesopotamia Cemetery, Eutaw,
Greene Co., Ala.
- m. Mar. 8, 1887—F-1, P. 409 Greene Co., Ala.
Anna Cockrell
 - b. Feb. 28, 1861
 - d. June 22, 1919
Buried Mesopotamia Cemetery, Eutaw,
Greene Co., Ala.
- 1. Willie Lee Gordon, daughter
 - b. Jan. 23, 1888
 - d. July, 1949
Never married
- 2. Bessie Mae Gordon
 - b. Nov. 8, 1889
 - d. Jan. 19, 1957
 - m. Nov. 10, 1914, Rev. Daniel Perry
Taylor, Greene Co., Ala.
- 3. Frederick Gordon
 - b. June 27, 1893
 - m. Emma Leona Smith, July 4, 1912,
M. Book E, P. 266, Greene Co., Ala.
 - a. Louise Gordon
 - b. May 3, 1913
 - m. Dec. 26, 1938, Bruce Mayes
 - b. Jan. 2, 1903
 - b. Jennie Ruth Gordon
 - b. Jan. 6, 1919
 - m. July 4, 1940, Dave Harkey
(1) Ann Harkey
b. Aug. 21, 1944

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- c. Elizabeth Gordon
 - b. Apr. 30, 1927
 - m. Dec. 23, 1945, J. O. Greene
 - (1) Gayle Greene
 - b. Apr. 29, 1949
 - (2) Gordon Greene
 - b.
 - (3) Gwynne Greene
 - b. July 19, 1959
 - d. Mable Gordon
 - b. Sept. 8, 1931
4. Ruth Gordon
- b. Oct. 7, 1895
 - m. Feb. 23, 1922, Roy Bambarger
 - a. Roy James Bambarger
 - b. Dec. 27, 1923
 - d. Dec. 23, 1958
 - m. Dec. 30, 1945, Pearl Wilson
 - (1) Regina Ruth Bambarger
 - (2) Elizabeth Pearl Bambarger
 - b. Oct. 19, 1954
 - b. William Thomas Bambarger
 - b. June 11, 1927
 - m. 1951, Laura Robinson
 - (1) Laura Ruth Bambarger
 - b. Feb. 1, 1952
 - (2) William Thomas Bambarger, Jr.
 - b. Oct. 15, 1954
 - (3) Robert Gordon Bambarger
 - b. April 24, 1956
 - (4) Rita Jean Bambarger
 - b. Nov. 28, 1958

Descendants of Thomas Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- c. Anna Ruth Bambarger
 - b. July 15, 1930
 - m. April 13, 1952, Gratton Woodfin Yeager
 - (1) Lee Yeager
 - b. April 4, 1954
 - d. Aug. 1954
 - (2) Bryan Keith Yeager
 - b. Dec. 17, 1957
- d. Rachel Gordon Bambarger
 - b. Nov. 14, 1933
 - m. June 11, 1952, Donald Lamb
 - (1) Patricia Ann Lamb
 - b. Oct. 28, 1955
 - (2) Donald Michael Lamb
 - b. Oct. 29, 1958

Mrs. Rachel L. Gordon, widow of William Patrick Henry Gordon married 2nd June 25, 1867, Capt. Frank B. Tarr in Greene Co., Ala.

- 3. Mary Elvira Gordon
 - b. Jan. 18, 1830, Union Dist., S. C.
 - d. Feb. 7, 1857
 - Buried Mesopotamia Cemetery, Eutaw, Ala.
 - m. June 17, 1847, Cephas Walker in Greene Co., son of Henry Walker and his wife Mary E. Otterson Walker
 - b. 1823
 - d. Nov. 12, 1882, age 59 years, Buried Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
 - No children
 - Cephas Walker
 - m. 2nd Frances A. Kennedy, 1858, C-1, P. 230, Greene Co., Ala.
 - m. 3rd Mary E. Archibald, 1881, F-1, P. 271, Greene Co., Ala.
 - Will states he had no descendants
- 4. Thompson Sims Gordon
 - b. July 2, 1832, Union Dist., S. C.
 - d. Oct. 7, 1834

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5. Benjamin Franklin Gordon

b. Aug. 28, 1834, Union Dist., S. C.

d. 1906, Greene Co., Ala. at the home of his daughter,
Jennie Haltwanger

m. Dec. 28, 1864, Jennie McGregor

b. Mar. 11, 1840

d. Sept. 27, 1868

Served in Confederate Army. Benjamin F. Gordon, Pvt.
Co. B, 11th Ala. Infantry Regt. Slight foot wound. Cas-
ualty list May 3, 1863

Enlisted Eutaw, Greene Co., Ala., June 11, 1861

Remarks: Disabled and detailed in Q.M. Dept., Mar.
1864, Richmond.

Historical record roll signed near Petersburg, Va., Dec.
31, 1864.

Engagements Present: Seven Pines, May 3, 1862, June,
1862; Gaines Mill, June, 1862. Absent wounded Frasier's
farm June 3, 1862

Benjamin F. Gordon, public surveyor & student at law.

a. Jennie Gordon

b.

m. _____ Haltwanger

6. Thomas Jefferson Gordon

b. Jan. 26, 1837, Greene Co., Ala.

d. Feb. 22, 1907, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

m. 1st. Nov. 7, 1860, Anna Hertaline Evans

b. Mar. 22, 1840

d. Aug. 17, 1885

Daughter of James R. & Catherine Dorman Evans of
Greene Co., Ala.

Attended University of Alabama. Was a junior in 1856.
Ref. from a list of students attending the University
Served in Confederate Army. Volunteered. Enlisted in
36th Ala. Infantry under Brig. Gen. Ferguson, transferred
by request to 2nd Ala. Cavalry under Gen. Wheeler,
continued until surrender of Gen. Lee. Private in Cavalry.

Descendants of Thomas Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- a. James Walker Gordon
 - b. Feb. 20, 1862
 - m. Marian Allen, Three children, Fred Gordon, Anna Hertaline Gordon, Joseph Walker Gordon moved to Houston, Texas
- b. Kate Glenn Gordon
 - b. July 4, 1864
 - d. buried Pell City, Ala.
 - m. William H. Miller, June 25, 1885
 - 1. William Miller
 - b. Pell City, Ala.
 - 2. Harry W. Miller
 - b. 1888, Clinton, Greene Co., Ala.
 - d. 1908
 - b. Ebenezer Cemetery, Clinton, Greene Co., Ala.
 - 3. Katie Hudson Miller
 - b. Nov. 12, 1890
 - m. June 27, 1910, Thomas N. Eatman
 - b. May 5, 1870
 - d. Oct. 4, 1952
 - a. Betty Cockrell Eatman
 - b. May 15, 1911
 - m. Nov. 20, 1936, Conway Austin Cobb
 - b. Mar. 2, 1909
 - d. April 26, 1960
 - (1) Mary Kate Cobb
 - b. Dec. 21, 1939
 - m. Aug. 29, 1959, Ronald Leslie Smith
 - a. Leslie Leigh Smith
 - b. May 15, 1960
 - b. Laura Kate Eatman
 - b. Mar. 25, 1913
 - m. Jan. 27, 1935, James Vester Gray
 - b. June, 1910

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- (1) Charley Thomas Gray
 - b. April, 1937
 - m. Dec. 20, 1958, Jerry Truett
 - a. Jeffrey Vester Gray
 - b. Oct., 1960
 - b. Kate Ann Gray
 - b.
 - c. James Leigh Gray
 - b.
- 4. Charley Gordon Miller
 - b. Dec. 17, 1893
 - m. Nov. 4, 1922, Sarah E. Holley
 - World War I
 - Assigned to 99th A. N. O. Sign., Pfc.—23617
 - Enlisted Aug. 8, 1917 at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.
 - Battles: Saint-Mihiel Offensive, Sept. 12—16th Corps Troops; Meuse-Argonne Offensive Sept. 26-Nov. 11th Corps Troops. No wounds, no citations—Character Excellent
 - Ref. Record of Soldiers of World Wars I & II, page 103, Greene Co., Ala., Probate Office
 - a. Sarah Catherine Miller
 - b. Oct. 21, 1923
 - m. Feb. 9, 1943, Perry Nalls Smith
 - 1. Sallie Ann Smith
 - b. Aug. 18, 1947
 - 2. Mary Ellen Smith
 - b. Dec. 22, 1948
 - 3. Charley Perry Smith
 - b. Oct. 1, 1953
 - b. Joan Miller
 - b. Dec. 10, 1935
 - m. Jan. 15, 1955, Charles Elliott Powell, Sr.
 - 1. Charles Elliott Powell, Jr.
 - b. Oct. 12, 1955
- 5. Clara Leigh Miller
 - b. April 18, 1897

Descendants of Thomas Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

d. Feb. 17, 1953 in automobile accident
m. Oct. 30, 1924, Lonnie D. McSwain
d. April 9, 1948

Miller records taken from Miller family Bible

- c. Charles Evans Gordon
 - b. May 30, 1867, Greene Co., Ala.
 - d. Jan. 11, 1893. Killed in railroad accident at Edwardsville, Ala.
 - Never married
- d. Clara Belle Gordon
 - b. Aug. 20, 1870, Union, Greene Co., Ala.
 - m. Dec. 13, 1898, William J. O'Pry
 - 1. Robert W. O'Pry
 - 2. Leslie G. O'Pry
- e. Edward Evans Gordon
 - b. Dec. 20, 1873, Union, Greene Co., Ala.
 - d. April 6, 1932
 - Never married
- f. Percy Wilmer Gordon
 - b. July 17, 1878, Union, Green Co., Ala.
 - m. June 17, 1908, Buren Anderson of Eutaw, Ala.
- g. Thomas Jefferson Gordon, II
 - b. June 6, 1883, Union, Green Co., Ala.
 - m. Nov. 7, 1910, in New Orleans, La., Ethelee Crumhorn
 - 1. Anna Belle Gordon
 - 2. Elizabeth Evans Gordon
 - 3. Thomas Jefferson Gordon, III
 - Served in World War II as corporal in Battery "C" of the 911 Field Artillery, 86th Infantry Division in Germany, France and Austria.
- m. Ruth Stall
 - a. Brian Walker Gordon
 - b. Barbara Ruth Gordon
 - c. Barry Thomas Gordon
 - d. Becky Elizabeth Gordon
 - e. Belle Margaret Gordon

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7. Robert Wynne Gordon
 - b. Dec. 4, 1839, Greene Co., Ala.
 - d. July 29, 1862
 - Attended University of Alabama
 - War between the States:
 - 2nd Lieut. Co. E., 11th Ala. Infantry. Student. Resident Clinton, Greene Co., Ala. Age 21, single.
 - Promoted under Wilcox to 2nd Lieut.
 - Severely wounded in battle of Frazier's farm Va. near Richmond, Va.
 - d. July 29, 1862 of wounds.
 - Historical Record Roll Call near Petersburg, Va., Dec. 31, 1864.
 - Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
8. Elizabeth Jennie Gordon
 - b. Nov. 12, 1841, Greene Co., Ala.
 - d. Oct. 25, 1884
 - Buried Pleasant Ridge Cemetery
 - m. July 28, 1864, Rev. Cornelius Marion Hutton, Presbyterian Minister
 - b. Nov. 26, 1835
 - d. Oct. 27, 1922
 - Chaplain 36th Ala. Infantry, Confederate Army
 - a. Annie Hutton
 - b. Sept. 2, 1867
 - d.
 - m. Jack Moseley of Scooba, Miss.
 - Moved to Kissimmee, Fla.
 - a. Elizabeth Gordon Moseley
 - b. William Josephus Hutton
 - b. Dec. 19, 1868
 - d. Aug. 27, 1869
 - c. Samuel Gordon Hutton
 - b. Dec. 31, 1870
 - d. Feb. 1942
 - d. Lelia Hutton
 - b. May 25, 1872
 - d. Oct. 29, 1930

Descendants of Thomas Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- m. Frank White of Chicago, Ill.
No children
- e. Cornelius Marion Hutton, Jr.
 - b. Mar. 5, 1874
 - d. Aug. 30, 1956
 - m. Dec. 21, 1910, Annie Juliett Webb
 - 1. Juliett Marion Hutton
 - b. Sept. 4, 1914
 - m. Nov. 20, 1940, Charles Alden Rathburn
 - a. Charles Alden Rathburn, Jr.
 - b. 1955
 - 2. Sallie Gordon Hutton
 - b. July 7, 1917
 - m. Oct. 2, 1934, Dr. Charles Sherburn Sentell
 - a. Jean Sentell
 - b. May 31, 1936
 - b. Sallie Sentell
 - b. Jan. 12, 1939
 - c. Charles Sherburn Sentell, Jr.
 - b. Sept. 14, 1942
 - d. Samuel Webb Sentell
 - b. 1956
- f. Jennie Hutton
 - b. May 29, 1875
 - d. June 16, 1941
- g. Charles Raymond Hutton
 - b. June 29, 1877
 - d. May 6, 1915
- h. Infant Son
 - b. Oct. 24, 1878
- i. Fannie Walker Hutton
 - b.
 - d.
- m. Earl Pierce, Chicago, Ill.
 - 1. Elizabeth Thatcher Pierce
 - b.
 - d.
 - m. George Anselem

Gordons of the Deep South

a. Rolf Anselem

m.

1. Karl Anselem

b.

2. Karen Anselem

b.

3. Kristin Anselem

b.

2. Dorothy Pierce

b.

m. Dr. John Parke

a. Anne Parke

b.

b. Michael Parke

b.

c. Stuart Parke

b.

d. Dorris Parke

b.

j. Orlene Hutton

b. Oct. 4, 1884

m. Horace Brock of Chicago, Ill.

No children

9. Ann Sims Gordon

b. Aug. 22, 1844, Greene Co., Ala.

d.

m. Feb. 22, 1866, John Alexander Harkness. Resided near Clinton, Greene Co., Ala.

M. Record C-1, P. 580, Greene Co., Ala. M. at residence of her father, Samuel O. Gordon. Rev. C. M. Hutton, Minister. Survived her husband several years. Spent her last days with her son, William Harkness in Livingston, Sumter Co., Ala., where she died.

a. William Harkness

b.

Descendants of Thomas Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

b. Jennie Harkness

b.

d.

c. John Harkness

b.

d.

d. Samuel Otterson Harkness

b.

d.

e. Annie Glenn Harkness

b.

d.

f. Robert Gordon Harkness

b.

d.

m. Julia Judge

b.

d.

l. Sadie Harkness

b.

d.

m. Lee Huggins

10. Samuel James Gordon

b. July 21, 1846, Greene Co., Ala.

d. Aug. 6, 1863

Enlisted in Confederate Army under Capt. Scarbrough, 1863 at age 17 yrs. Was stricken with fever before he reached active service.

Buried Mesopotamia Cemetery, Eutaw, Ala.

Inscription on Tombstone:

"Sweet be thy long and soft repose

Young soldier true and brave

No rude alarm or cruel foes

Disturb thy quiet grave."

h. Mary Gordon

b. 1805, Union Co., S. C.

m. Charles Whitlock, farmer

b. 1790

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Moved to DeKalb Co., Ga.

1. Elizabeth Whitlock
b. 1838, DeKalb Co., Ga.
2. Amanda Whitlock
b. 1839, DeKalb Co., Ga.
3. Gora (?) Whitlock
b. 1842, DeKalb Co., Ga.

Nov. 27, 1795, Major Thomas Gordon of Newberry Co., S. C. sold to Benjamin Gordon of Hancock Co., Ga. land in Hancock Co., Ga. Deed recorded in Hancock Co., Ga.

May 28, 1796, Benjamin Gordon and wife Mary of Hancock Co., Ga. sold to Robert Furnace of Union Co., S. C. land in Union Co., S. C. on Beaverdam Creek, being a part of a tract granted to Benjamin Gordon by Gov. Charles Pinckney, Sept. 5, 1791.

Signed

Benjamin Gordon

Mary Gordon

Witnesses:

Thomas Gordon, Sr.

Thomas Gordon, Jr.

Jesse Gordon

Deed recorded in Union Co., S. C.

Jan. 19, 1809, Benjamin Gordon of Newberry Co., S. C. sold to Elijah Anderson of Union Dist., S. C. land on Enoree River in Union Dist.

Signed

Benjamin Gordon

No Dower

Deed recorded in Union Co., S. C.

Book L, P. 169, Office of Mesne Conveyances, Newberry Co., S. C., Nov. 1, 1815, Benjamin Gordon of Newberry Dist., S. C. sold to Charles Leopard of same Dist. land in Newberry Dist., S. C. Benjamin had purchased the land from Thomas Gary.

Signed

Benjamin Gordon

Lucy Gordon

Descendants of Thomas Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

The above deeds show that Benjamin Gordon and his wife, Mary, moved to Hancock Co., Ga. before 1795. Probably lived on his father Major Thomas Gordon's land and in 1796 purchased the land from his father. He and his family returned to S. C. before 1802 when Samuel Otterson Gordon was born in S. C. In 1805 their daughter Mary Gordon was born in S. C.

In 1809, Mary, wife of Benjamin Gordon had died and no dower signed the deed made by Benjamin Gordon to Elijah Anderson.

Benjamin Gordon married a second time and was said to have moved to Tennessee.

The deed made by Benjamin Gordon and wife Lucy may have been Benjamin Gordon and his second wife selling their land before going to Tenn.

1850 & 1860 U. S. Censuses of Pickens Co., Ala.:

William Gordon, son of Benjamin Gordon, gives place of his birth as Georgia; his ages show that he was born 1797.

1850 & 1860 U. S. Censuses of Pickens Co., Ala.:

Samuel O. Gordon, son of Benjamin Gordon, gives place of birth S. C.; his ages show that he was born in 1802. Being proof that Benjamin Gordon and wife Mary lived in Hancock Co., Ga. between 1795 and 1802.

The will of Jesse Gordon, son of Benjamin Gordon recorded in Greene Co., Ala. date 1847, names his full brothers and sisters, being proof that Benjamin Gordon had children by his second wife.

3. Jesse Gordon Sr.

b. Sept. 26, 1767, S. C.

d. Aug. 21, 1853, Greene Co., Ala.

b. Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.

m. Miss Hardy in S. C.

Jesse Gordon Sr.

b. Craven Co., S. C. later became Newberry Co., S. C.

Will sg Oct. 28, 1852

pr Jan. 9, 1854

Will Book C, p. 349 Greene Co., Ala.

Heirs named: son, Jefferson Gordon, gr. son, Daniel Covington Gordon

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Their Children

a. Jesse Gordon Jr.

d. S. C.

Buried in old Gordon graveyard also called Chick graveyard in Union Co., S. C.

b. Thomas H. Gordon

b. Feb. 21, 1804, S. C.

d. Apr. 3, 1830

b. Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.

m. May 1, 1824, Caroline Tims

M. Book A—P. 20, Greene Co., Ala. (consent of parents)

Their children

1. Daniel Covington Gordon

b. 1827

2. Olevia Caroline Hardy Gordon

b. Nov. 16, 1829

d. Jan. 22, 1848

b. Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.

Caroline Gordon, widow, and Jefferson Gordon granted Admr. Bond on Thomas H. Gordon's estate Oct. 11, 1830.—Will Book B—P. 54, Greene Co., Ala.

Nov. 12, 1832, Jefferson Gordon Guardian Bond for two minor heirs of Thomas H. Gordon.

Viz: Daniel Covington Gordon, age 5, Olevia Caroline Hardy Gordon, age 3

Will Book B. P. 97, Greene Co., Ala.

Caroline Gordon, widow of Thomas H. Gordon m. 2nd James Donaldson, July 11, 1832, M. Book B, P. 47, Greene Co., Ala.

c. Jefferson Gordon

b. Jan. 30, 1808, S. C.

d. Feb. 27, 1861

b. Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.

m. 1st Mary C. Pearson, Jan. 16, 1833, M. Book B. P. 48, Greene Co., Ala.

m. 2nd Eliza K. Bonnell, Nov. 21, 1844, M. Book B. P. 350, Greene Co., Ala.

Descendants of Thomas Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

1. Annie E. Gordon

b. 1834 Ala., deceased 1861, no issue.

b. Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala. No dates on tomb.

m. March 13, 1851, David Tilman

M. Book C-1, P. 47, Greene Co., Ala.

2. Mary Hardy Gordon

b. Nov. 28, 1835

d. Oct. 13, 1866

b. Shady Grove Cemetery, Sumter Co., Ala.

m. Aug. 1, 1860, Seth S. Stanton

M. Book C-1, P. 294, Greene Co., Ala.

Their Children

a. Jesse G. Stanton

b. Mary H. Stanton

3. Jesse A. P. Gordon

b. 1838 C S A Captain, killed in action in Battle of Chickamauga, Ga.

4. Walter W. Gordon

b. 1843, deceased at father's death 1861

Seth S. Stanton, Admr. Jefferson Gordon's Estate Orphans' Court Book V, P. 228, Greene Co., Ala. Final settlement Nov. 1866.

Eliza K. Gordon, widow of Jefferson Gordon

b. 1813, S. C.

m. 2nd Allen Hall, Dec. 7, 1863

M. Book C-1, P. 350, Greene Co., Ala.

U. S. Census 1850, Greene Co., Ala.

Jesse Gordon, age 83, b. S. C.

Jefferson Gordon, age 42, b. S. C.

Elizabeth Gordon, age 37, b. S. C.

Ann E. Gordon, age 16, b. Ala.

Mary H. Gordon, age 14, b. Ala.

Jesse A. Gordon, age 12, b. Ala.

Walter Gordon, age 7, b. Ala.

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Journal of Cash Entries of St. Stephens, Ala., Land Office.

Dec. 11, 1828, Jesse Gordon of Greene Co., Ala. granted $79\frac{9}{100}$ acres West $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 21, Tps. 22, Range 1, West.

$79\frac{1}{100}$ Acres Section 20

$79\frac{9}{100}$ acres W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 21

$79\frac{1}{100}$ acres Section 21

Seth S. Stanton

m. 2nd June 27, 1867, Mary M. McMullen daughter of Rev. J. P. McMullen

M. Book C-1, P. 537, Greene Co., Ala.

4. Eli Gordon Sr., Planter

b. May 25, 1772, Newberry Co., S. C. near Maybinton

d. April 27, 1847

Buried Old Gordon Graveyard, also called Chick Graveyard, Union Co., S. C.

Will signed Mar. 25, 1838, probated Oct. 18, 1847. Names wife and children.

m. Feb. 7, 1793, Rebecca Caldwell

b. Apr. 16, 1775, S. C.

d. Sept. 28, 1854, S. C.

Buried Old Gordon Graveyard, Union Co., S. C.

a. John Caldwell Gordon

b. Oct. 27, 1796

d. Dec. 31, 1806

b. Thomas Gordon

b. June 30, 1799, Newberry Co., S. C.

d. Mar. 28, 1862, Chickasaw Co., Miss.

m. Nancy R. Mitchell in S. C.

b. 1805 in S. C.

d. June 8, 1889, Chickasaw Co., Miss.

Both Thomas Gordon and wife, Nancy R., buried Old Prospect Methodist Church Cemetery, Chickasaw Co., Miss. Lived in Union Co., S. C., until their children were grown. Moved to Chickasaw Co., Miss., near Houston, Miss. between 1857 and 1858. Some of their sons preceded them and made preparations for their moving.

Descendants of Thomas Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

Their children:

1. Mariah A. E. Gordon
 - b. June 17, 1827, Union Co., S. C.
 - d. Oct. 27, 1831, S. C.
2. Margaret R. Gordon
 - b. Union Co., S. C. 1828
 - d. S. C. in infancy
3. William M. Gordon
 - b. Apr. 24, 1831, Union Co., S. C.
 - d. Aug. 1900

War between the States
Confederate Army, Chickasaw Co., Miss., Co. C
31st Miss. Regt. Pvt. Co. F, 44th Infantry Palo
Alto. Mustered into service Palo Alto, July 27, 1861.
Because of a severe illness received an honorable
discharge. Settled in Tate Co., Miss.
4. James M. Gordon
 - b. Jan. 26, 1833, Union Co., S. C.
 - d. Mar. 27, 1895

m. Mary F.
 - b. 1833, S. C.
 - a. Hannah Gordon
 - b. 1858, Miss.
 - b. Alice Gordon
 - b. 1860, Miss.
 - c. James Gordon
 - b. 1861, Miss.
 - d. Thomas Gordon
 - b. 1864, Miss.
 - e. Jefferson Gordon
 - b. 1866, Miss.
 - f. Sueky Gordon
 - b. 1868, Miss.

War between the States
Confederate Army
Roster of Co. C, 31st Miss. Volunteers. James M.
Gordon. Wounded at Baton Rouge, La.

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Excerpt from letter written by Lycurgus Sims, a cousin of James M. Gordon, to their Uncle Eli Gordon, Jr.:

"I have not seen James Gordon since the Battle of Baker's Creek. He was with the wagon train and was cut off from us. He is in Vicksburg, Miss. I have heard from him since he got there. He was well and in the intrenchments doing good execution."

5. Mary Frances Gordon
 - b. July 24, 1834, Union Co., S. C.
 - d. Dec. 26, 1929
6. Eli M. Gordon
 - b. Sept. 24, 1836, Union Co., S. C.
 - m. Rhoda
 - b. 1839, S. C.
 - d.
 - a. M. A. T. R. Gordon
 - b. 1858, Miss.
 - b. Joseph Gordon
 - b. 1864, Miss.
 - c. Ada Gordon
 - b. 1866, Miss.
 - d. John Gordon
 - b. 1869, Miss.

War between the States, Confederate Army Roster of Co. C., 31st Miss. Volunteers, 1st Corp. 2nd. Corp. from Chickasaw Co., Miss.

Eli M. Gordon. Registration #646, Houston, Miss. After the war Eli M. Gordon returned to his home in Chickasaw Co., Miss. Settled in Tate Co., Miss.

7. Harriett C. Gordon
 - b. Mar. 9, 1838, Union Co., S. C.
8. John K. Gordon
 - b. 1839, Union Co., S. C.
9. George W. Gordon
 - b. Oct. 14, 1840, Union Co., S. C.
 - d. Aug. 7, 1864, Sunday, 3:00 P. M.

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War between the States, Confederate Army Registration No. 635 Houston, Miss. Corp. Co. E. 1st Battalion Miss. Cav.

Pvt. George W. Gordon, Chickasaw Guards, Co. H. 11th Miss. Regt. Also served in Co. H. 11th Miss. Regt. in Army of Northern Virginia.

Rank: Corporal. Wounded June 12, 1864 at Bethesda Church. Died Sunday 3:00 P.M. Aug. 7, 1864 Winder Hospital in Va.

Never married.

Mrs. Martha Mary (called Mattie Mae) Gordon Hodge, Vardaman, Miss. in 1960 has in her possession ten original letters written by George W. Gordon during his service in the War between the States. See excerpts from War letters which follow

Excerpts from War letters by George W. Gordon to his cousin Miss Julia Ann Gordon:

“Camp near Goldsboro, N. C.
Jan. 27, 1863

“Cousin, I would like to be there to help defend my home but somebody's home has to go unprotected and I reckon it just as well be mine as anybody else's. My earnest prayer is that this war will soon come to a close, and all who have been so fortunate as to come out of all of these great struggles may return to their homes. I think that God will support us in our great struggle if we will have the confidence that he will, and ask him in the right way, for he never has forsaken his people and he never will, and I think that we are his people.

I am your cousin
G. W. Gordon.”

Excerpt from a letter by George W. Gordon to Miss Julia Ann Gordon:

“Richmond, Va.
Hospital No. 2
June 8, 1863.

“I am well with the exception of my wound. I had the ball extracted from my thigh and it has been very sore. I could not keep

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up with the regiment. They left me here to get well. I think I will be able to go on to my Regiment soon. It has gone to Fredricksburg. We are expecting another big fight up there soon. I have seen a hard time since I wrote you last. I remain your poor feeble cousin until death.

George W. Gordon."

From a letter by George W. Gordon to his brother, Thomas J. Gordon.

"Camp near Orange Courthouse, Va.
Aug. 14, 1863

"I have recently received your letter of the 26th of June. Your letter was read with much gratitude of heart as ever a letter was. I often think of you. I did not know what to think by not getting any letters from you. You state that you have been receiving letters from home regularly. I do not know the reasons why I can't get letters from them. Nearly all the letters that I get from there are from Cousin Julia Ann Gordon.

"I want all of you to clean up the Yankees down there for I hate to hear of them invading our country.

"I remain your true and loving brother until death.

G. W. Gordon"

From a letter by George W. Gordon to Miss Julia Ann Gordon.

"Camp near Orange Court House, Va.
Aug. 16, 1863

"I am in good health now and big spirits. I am confined to camp under very strict orders. Oh, how I long for the day to come and I can be set at liberty and return home to the loved ones I left behind. I have come to the conclusion that I will be reconciled with whatever comes to be my fate. We are doing tolerable well for something to eat and have plenty clothes to wear. I think we will have much fighting to do up here soon. I will remain your cousin until death.

George W. Gordon"

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From letter by George W. Gordon to Miss Julia Ann Gordon, his cousin.

“Camp near Orange Court House, Va.
November 10, 1863

“I have just arrived back at my old camp that I left one month ago, day before yesterday. I saw a great many ups and downs during the time that I was on the trip. While I was marching through a country that was said to be the Garden Spot of Virginia. It is now laid in waste. I am very much worried from a hard march. We commenced retreating from the Rappahanock river on the morning of the 8th and we marched about four miles and formed line of battle, and the enemy advanced on us late in the evening and gave us battle with pickets on both sides. Our artillery opened on them and they gave back and we commenced retreating. We marched all night before we halted for any length of time. I was awfully hungry and nothing to be had to eat.

“We halted after daybreak and drew rations but we did not have time to cook. We had no cooking utensils. We pitched in and cooked some on our gun sticks. We got here late yesterday evening and got our cooking utensils and had a good old time eating beef and bread—that is all we get to eat except occasionally a little bacon.

George W. Gordon”

From letter by George W. Gordon to Miss Julia Ann Gordon.

“Camp near Orange Court House, Va.
Dec. 4, 1863

“I can't say that I am well this morning. I have just arrived at camp again. I have been out on a seven day trip. I am not able to tell you half that I suffered while I was out. We went to meet the enemy and we did so. I feel thankful that I came out safe and sound on the trip. I hope and trust by the aid of God that this cruel-war will come to a close. May God fast hasten it is the prayer of your unworthy Cousin. I am as ever, Your most obedient servant.

G. W. Gordon.”

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From letter by G. W. Gordon to Miss Julia Ann Gordon. (This is the last letter from George W. Gordon)

“Spotsylvania Court House, Va.
May 21, 1864

“In Line of Battle

Dear Cousin:

By the Blessings of Almighty God, I have been spared the many days carnage of Battle. We have been fighting in the Line of Battle ever since the 4th of this month. Our whole Division was put into Line of Battle, and the worst thing, The enemy advanced on us about forty thousand men in three lines of Battle. I can tell you what is a fact, we killed about ten to one. You may think that I am exaggerating but the largest majority that participated in the fight gives it 15 to 1. I believe that it was the greatest slaughter that I ever saw in my life. We had twelve killed in our Regiment and about 35 or 40 wounded. Tell my relatives that I am still living yet.
Your true cousin

G. W. Gordon”

Excerpt from a letter written by Abraham Gordon, S.C. to his brother Eli Gordon, Houston, Miss.

They were both uncles of George W. Gordon.

“George W. Gordon was wounded at Bethesda Church June 12, 1864. Died in Winder Hospital. I would have telegraphed you if I had thought it would have gotten there, but hearing the roads were torn up in places and the wires cut, I thought it no use. I started out there on the second day of August 1864, and landed out there on Thursday night about 9 o'clock and found George very bad. Too much so to move or try to bring him home for he was so much reduced that he was not able to sit up. A. W. Stewart from Georgia and his lady who had promised to bring him home made the attempt and he fainted and they had to leave him, and I thought it was useless to make the attempt though he was anxious to start and would often ask me if I had seen the doctors to know if we could start.

“I told him that we had and the doctors said that we had better stay a day or two and let him get a little more strength first, and it seemed to pacify him and on Sunday, August 7, 1864 about 3 o'clock in the evening he departed this life. He had typhoid fever and his wound both to contend with and he was then in the

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gangrene tent for the second time. The doctor said he had been there before and he considered it killed and sent him back to the hospital again. He expressed his wish that he had let him stay there and said if he had kept him he thought he would have gotten well for he was doing finely when he sent him to the hospital. He seemed to attend to them closely and would often call around to see if they needed anything. I think he did all he could after I got there for his patients. He is the Assistant Sergeant and is from York District.

"Show this to William Gordon, his brother and the rest of the family and say that I brought George's body home with me and had it buried at the place where his other folks were buried in South Carolina.
Abraham Gordon"

10. Thomas J. Gordon

b. 1843 Union Co., S.C.

War between the States, Confederate Army Registration No. 69 Houston, Miss.

Chickasaw Guards 11th Regt. Miss. Volunteers. 31st Miss. Volunteers Co. C. Wounded at Franklin, Tenn. After the War returned home and settled in Tate Co., Miss.

Excerpt from letter written by Thomas J. Gordon to his cousin, Miss Julia Ann Gordon, Houston, Miss.

"Camp near Meridian, Miss.

Oct. 5, 1863

"Dear Cousin: It is with the greatest pleasure that I take my pen in hand this blessed evening to drop you a few lines to let you know that I have not forgotten you all yet and to let you know where we are. We are camped about one and one half miles from town. I am still in the land of living. I have been having chills but I have missed them for the last three or four days. We have tolerable cold weather here now and we have no tents to shelter us. I hope we will get some soon. . . . If you see William M. Gordon tell him to send my blanket on by the first chance and send me some flour. We can't draw any. Write soon.

T. J. Gordon in the Old Chickasaw
Guards 11th Regiment, Miss. Volunteers"

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c. Valentine Gordon

b. Mar. 20, 1802, Newberry Co., S.C.

d. Aug. 2, 1843, Pickens Co., Ala.

m. Nancy R. Hutcheson

b. 1810, S.C.

Moved to Pickens Co., Ala.

1. Mary Rebecca Gordon

b. July 15, 1827

d. 1834

2. Frances Elvira Gordon

b. July 25, 1828

d. 1831

3. Harvey (Harvin) Falconer Gordon

b. May 30, 1832, S.C.

d. Aug. 15, 1915

Buried Spring Hill Baptist Cemetery, Pickens Co., Ala.

m. 1856, Mary Agnes Finley

b. Aug. 11, 1838

d. Nov. 13, 1914

War between the States, Confederate Army Harvey F. Gordon joined Co. K. 41st Ala. May, 1862. Wounded at Chickamauga Sept. 23, 1863. Joined Co. 1 Walker's Regt. Forrest Cavalry, captured near Selma, Ala. in March. Paroled Mar. 5, 1865.

Excerpt from a letter written by Abraham Gordon (Uncle of Harvey F. Gordon) to his niece Julia Ann Gordon.

"Newberry Co., S. C.

Feb. 17, 1863

"I heard from Harvin Gordon and he was in the War. I do sympathize with his mother and the rest of the family in this unholy war."

Children of Harvey F. Gordon and wife, Mary Finley Gordon:

a. Curtis B. Gordon

b. Feb. 3, 1857

d. 1937

Married young, no record of children

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- b. Sarah A. Gordon
 - b. Oct. 5, 1858
 - m. Mr. Land or Mr. Moore
- c. John Robert (Bob) Gordon
 - b. May 27, 1861
 - d. July 29, 1930
 - m. Della Land
- d. Mary (Babe) Gordon
 - b. d.
 - m. Peter Sims
- e. William J. Gordon
 - b. Nov. 14, 1862
 - d. June 24, 1885
- f. Mabel Ellen Gordon
 - b. Aug. 13, 1879
 - d. Sept. 15, 1905
 - m. Bob Moore
 - 1. Berenice Moore
 - m. Coward
- 4. Harriet Reney Gordon
 - b. Oct. 9, 1834
 - d. 1848
- 5. John Eli Gordon
 - b. Sept. 4, 1838
 - d. July 8, 1862
 - War between the States, Confederate Army. Served in the Army, joined 5th Ala. Lee's Army Virginia, Killed in the battle of Seven Pines. Buried at Richmond, Va.

Excerpt from the back of an old picture frame:

"John Eli Gordon was wounded in the Battle of Seven Pines near Richmond on June 1, 1862. He died July 8, 1862."

From a letter written by Abraham Gordon to his niece Julia Ann Gordon, Houston, Miss.

"Newberry, S. C.
Feb. 17, 1863

"Dear Niece: Yours of the first is to hand. It gave me great satisfaction to hear from you and the ones at home and the rest that

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have died of wounds or from sickness in Camps. Poor John! He did not live to enjoy the pleasure of his family which but a short time he began to know the worth. It is bad enough for a man to die. It seems to me it is worse for a man who has a family to leave them. I have not heard from Valentine's boys in a long time. I do sympathize with Nancy and the rest of the family affections in this unholy War."

6. William Valentine Gordon

b. Sept 20, 1842

d. Dec. 9, 1862

War between the States, Confederate Army. Joined Co. C. 41st Ala. May, 1862. Died at Murfreesboro, Tenn. Dec. 9, 1862.

d. Abraham Gordon

b. Oct. 16, 1804

d. Dec. 19, 1880

m. Sept. 1870 Cornelia Lyles

b. 1837

Daughter of Wm. Lyles and wife, Jane of Newberry Co., S.C.

Cornelia Lyles Gordon lived less than a year after their marriage. Abraham Gordon lived on a plantation next to that of his sister, who was Mary C. Gordon Lyles in Maybinton, Newberry Co., S. C. Lived to be an old man, alone. His devotion to his family is shown in his many letters. He and his wife were buried in Old Ebenezer Cemetery in Newberry, S. C., side by side. A monument on his wife's grave but none on his.

e. Mary Caldwell Gordon

b. June 7, 1807, Newberry Co., S.C.

d. Dec. 29, 1887, Chickasaw Co., Miss.

m. Feb. 15, 1825 John Edrington Lyles

b. Sept. 12, 1798, S.C.

d. Aug. 24, 1879 Chickasaw Co., Miss.

This couple moved to Mississippi in the spring of 1846, six weeks after the birth of their youngest child Mary C. S. S. Lyles. They located in Chickasaw Co., Miss. They spent Christmas on the road. The mother and children rode in a

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carriage called a Rockaway, and the father, slaves and household goods came in covered wagons pulled by mules.

Both buried Old Methodist Prospect Church Cemetery in Chickasaw Co., Miss., near Houston, Miss.

Their children:

1. David William Lyles
b. June 18, 1826, S.C.
2. Ephraim Lyles (Ephraim O.)
b. Oct. 1828, S.C.
d. In War Between the States, 1863 from wounds received.
Confederate Army Co. B. 5th Battalion Miss. Infantry. Enlisted Sept. 21, 1861, Aberdeen, Miss.
Family records and General Services Administration, Washington, D. C.

Excerpt from letter of Abraham Gordon to his niece Julia Ann Gordon of Miss.

"Newberry, S. C
Feb. 17, 1863

"There is poor Ephraim Lyles! The news that I received from his father seemed that he was not dead but no chance for his recovery. I am still in hopes that he may recover yet and live to see his children raised. Yet the Almighty works miracles and I am in hopes that this is one of those cases."

No record of his family.

3. Davis Russell Lyles
b. June 9, 1831, S. C.
d.
m. Margaret
a. Frances E. Lyles
b. 1864, Chickasaw Co., Miss.
b. James L. Lyles
b. 1867, Chickasaw Co., Miss.
c. Mary B. Lyles
b. Dec., Chickasaw Co., Miss.
4. Emmariah T. Lyles
b. Nov. 11, 1833, Union Co., S. C.
d.

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5. Frances Ann Elizabeth Lyles
 - b. June 1, 1835, S. C.
 - d. April 14, 1899
 - m. 1854, Thomas Farr
 - b. 1822, S. C.
 - a. Sarah Farr
 - b. 1855, Chickasaw Co., Miss.
 - b. Thomas Farr
 - b. 1857, Chickasaw Co., Miss.
 - c. Rebecca Farr
 - b. 1859, Chickasaw Co., Miss.
 - d. Robert B. Farr
 - b. 1861, Chickasaw Co., Miss.
 - e. Elizabeth N. Farr
 - b. 1866, Chickasaw Co., Miss.
 - f. William E. Farr
 - b. 1868, Chickasaw Co., Miss.
6. John Ferman Lyles (twin)
 - b. June 11, 1837, S. C.
 - d. Aug. 29, 1855

His the first grave in Old Methodist Prospect Church Cemetery, Chickasaw Co., Miss.
7. Rebecca Lyles (twin)
 - b. June 11, 1837, S. C.
8. Thomas Jefferson Lyles
 - b. 1839, S. C.
 - d. In the War between the States
 - m. Bettie Ware of Calhoun Co., Miss. just before or at the beginning of the War.

Letter from Abraham Gordon of S. C. (Uncle of Thomas J. Lyles) to his brother Eli Gordon, Jr., of Chickasaw Co., Miss.

"Old Home
Sept. 4, 1864

"I am very uneasy about T. J. Lyles for I got a letter from Sergeant L. Sims I think Saturday. He wrote about the 20th of July and stated about the same as you did concerning him. He did not say anything about his being wounded. He stated that he had a spell of

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bilious fever and was mending, and was at Fort Sythe Georgia at the time he wrote to him and to Thomas Gordon."

9. Robert Josiah Lyles

b. Aug. 29, 1841, S. C.

d. Mar. 18, 1930, Houston, Miss.

War between the States. Served in the Confederate Army. Pvt. Co. K, 46th Miss. Infantry. See 6th Battalion which is Kemper Guards, Kemper Co., Miss.

Letter from Abraham Gordon to his brother Eli Gordon, Jr.

Newberry Dist., S. C.

Aug. 13, 1862

"I received a letter from John and Mary Lyles last week and he stated that his son Robert Lyles had got home, and had been sick since that heavy march from Yorktown to Richmond. It is a wonder that there was any of them that escaped being sick from the exposure that they had there in their march in the bad weather and without tents to keep them out of the weather."

Letter from George W. Gordon to his cousin Julia Ann Gordon

Date 1862

"I forgot to tell you that I saw Cousin Bob Lyles in July. He looked fine. I will tell you how you may direct your letters to him so that he may get them—Company H. 13th Regiment Mississippi Volunteers—Pumphin's Brigade—Division Longstreet and he will be sure to get them. Corp. Richmond Va."

Excerpt from letter from Abraham Gordon to his niece Julia Ann Gordon

Feb. 17, 1863

"I am afraid Robert Lyles is sick. I received a letter from him in the first of January. I have written him two letters since and sent him a pair of boots by Mr. Richard Butler. He left the boots for him but he did not come to get them. He saw one of Robert's Company and he said he did not think Robert was in Camp."

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Excerpt from letter of George W. Gordon to his brother John Gordon.

Camp near Orange Court House, Va.
Aug. 15, 1863

"I saw R. J. Lyles about two or three weeks ago. He was in fine health at that time. I did not have long to stay with him."

Excerpt from letter of George W. Gordon to his Cousin Julia Ann Gordon

Camp near Orange Court House, Va.
Sept. 6, 1863

"Cousin R. J. Lyles is near Fredericksburg. I received a letter from him a few days ago. He was in High Spirits."

Excerpt from letter of George W. Gordon to Julia Ann Gordon

Camp near Orange Court House, Va.
Oct. 4, 1863

"I want you to write to me and let me know whether you have heard from R. J. Lyles. I have not heard from him in a long time."

Excerpt from letter of George W. Gordon to Julia Ann Gordon

In Line of Battle
Spotsylvania Court House
May 21, 1864

"I will give you the casualties in Company H. I saw one of the Spartan hands on last evening. He informed me that Cousin Robert J. Lyles came through the many days of carnage unhurt. He is in good health."

After the War Robert J. Lyles returned to his home in Chickasaw Co., Miss., married Mary Jane (Mamie) Lowry, Okolona, Miss. They settled on his farm where he became a farmer.

Their children:

- a. Thomas J. Lyles
 - b. 1871
- b. John Ed. Lyles
 - b. 1874
- d. 1939 in Texas
- m. Miss Cal Knox of Okolona, Miss.

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1. John Edwin Lyles, Jr.

b.

d.

Gov. Price Daniel appointed Labor Commr. J. E. (Ed) Lyles of Mart to the Texas Employment Commission, June 17, 1960. Taken from Dallas Morning News date June 18, 1960.

2. Julian K. Lyles

b.

m.

a. Julian Lyles

b. Lynn Lyles

3. Robert J. Lyles

b. Sept. 14, 1903, Okolona, Miss.

d. May 29, 1959, Austin, Texas

m. Anna Frances Griffith

a. Ann Lyles

b.

m. Ray Little

b. Marilyn Lyles

b.

m. Harold Brumley

Bob J. Lyles born Sept. 14, 1903 at Okolona, Miss. moved to Navasota, Texas, 1908. Attended University of Texas. Moved to Austin 1923 and operated Bob J. Lyles Insurance Co. Became Manager of Western Reserve Life Insurance Co., and became Vice-president of the firm. Was former president of the Texas Association of Life Underwriters.

Was active in Lions Club; was an International Director. Was past president of Austin's Lions Club, and past district governor.

Was a former director of Austin's Chamber of Commerce and leader in civic drives. He was member of the First Baptist Church, and founder and organizer of the Austin Club.

Died May 29, 1959, Austin, Texas. Survivors include his widow of Austin and two daughters: Mrs. Ray Little of

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Austin and Mrs. Harold Brumley of Kansas City, Mo.
Two brothers: J. E. Lyles of Mart, Texas, and J. K. Lyles
of Austin; one grandchild.

Above information taken from Austin American, date
May 30, 1959.

c. Elizabeth Lorena Lyles

b. 1876

d. William E. Lyles

b. 1878

10. Benjamin F. Lyles

b. Nov. 28, 1843, S. C.

d. Mar. 19, 1928

War between the States, Confederate Army Pvt.-Sergt.
Co. E, 14th Miss. Infantry Co. E. Monroe Guards, Mon-
roe Co., Miss.

m. Ella N.

b. 1848, Miss.—parents from Tenn.

a. Mary B. Lyles

b. 1874

b. Anna L. Lyles

b. 1878

c. Eugenia Lyles

b. Sept. 1879

11. Mary C. S. S. Lyles

b. Nov. 6, 1845, S. C.

d. Aug. 14, 1914

f. Elizabeth Gordon

b. July 18, 1810, S. C.

d. Sept. 2, 1887, Chickasaw Co., Miss.

m. Barnett Glenn Sims

b. Dec. 15, 1808

d. Sept. 2, 1842, Pickens Co., Ala.

1. Eli Lycurgus Sims

b. Oct. 18, 1831

d. June 23, 1865

War between the States, Confederate Army Pvt. Co.
H, Chickasaw Guards

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11th Miss. Regt.—Sergt. Co. C. 31st Miss. Infantry;
Volunteers Corp., Co. G, Miss. Infantry of 10,000
1861-1862

Served in Army Northern Va. Wounded in battle of
Franklin, Tenn. Died in Memphis, Tenn., June 23,
1865 from wounds. Burial place unknown. His name
and dates of birth and death are on his mother's head-
stone in the Old Methodist Church Cemetery, Chick-
asaw Co., Miss.

Excerpts from old letters

"Bowling Green Ky
Dec. 25, 1861

"Dear Uncle Eli Gordon:

Camp life goes very hard with some of the boys. They do not love
to stand guard and do their own cooking these cold nights. We are
quartered in an old field where the wind has a fair sweep at us.

Your nephew
Eli Lycurgus Sims"

"Camp in the woods
Near Canton, Miss.
June 15, 1863

"Dear Uncle Eli:

I can't tell you about the movement of the Army at this time. I
don't suppose anyone knows anything about it but Johnson.

This time we have not had a tent in the regiment in over a month
and hardly any cooking utensils to cook in.

Your nephew until death, Lycurgus Sims"

Eli Lycurgus Sims took part in the battles of Baker's Creek and
Vicksburg, Miss., July, 1863.

"Camp near Canton, Miss.
Aug. 25, 1863

"Dear Uncle Eli:

I think that if every man in the service would come to the true
and do his duty that before six months there would not be a Federal
rascal on our land. And to think how many of our relatives and
friends have been massacred by the vandals. I may be the next to
fall.

Your nephew Lycurgus Sims"

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Eli Lycurgus Sims married Martha Ann Boring a few years preceding the war.

Their children:

- a. Mary Sims married John Andrews
Lived in Clay Co., Miss. Reared five children
- b. Barnett Sims married Nannie King
Three children. Owned large farm did well. Located near Pontotoc, Miss.
2. James R. Julius Aristodese Sims
b. Mar. 13, 1834
d. Aug. 12, 1835
3. Patrick Henry Sims
b. May 20, 1836
d. June 27, 1862

War between the States, Confederate Army Pvt. Co. H, 11th Miss. Infantry, Chickasaw Guards

Mustered in at Houston, Miss.

Corp. in Army of Northern Va.

Killed instantly at Gaines Mill on Gaines farm, June 27, 1862.

Burial place unknown. His name and dates of birth and death on his mother's headstone in Old Methodist Church Cemetery, Chickasaw Co., Miss. near Houston, Miss.

Excerpts from old war letters:

"Camp Fisher, Va.
Nov. 12, 1861

"Dear Uncle Eli Gordon:

I would have written you an explanation but I have not time to write now for we have just returned from a march to meet the enemy, and it is Very late in the night, about 12 o'clock and we have to cook up two days provisions, ready to start again in two hours. I remain your nephew.

P. H. Sims"

"Camp Fisher, Va.
Feb. 3, 1862

"Dear Uncle Eli:

It was my intention to write you the next day after I received yours, but I was taken with pneumonia and lay for several days

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before I was able to be out of bed, and I am so weak yet, I can hardly write so you can understand it. But thinking you would like to hear from me I thought I would drop you a line to let you know how we are getting along. The health of the company is very good at this time. I am the worst off. The snow began to fall last night. The ground was covered this morning and snow has been falling all day. It is about four inches on the level now, and much deeper where it has drifted against houses. The snow continues to fall. I keep pretty close. I remain your nephew

P. H. Sims

P.S. I can't get postage stamps so I will have to frank this."

Note. This letter was written on cheap paper and the envelope marked Due 10 cents.

Excerpt from letter written by Abraham Gordon, S. C., to his brother Eli Gordon, Jr., Chickasaw Co., Miss.

"Newberry Dist. S. C.

Aug. 13, 1862

"We received by Gustus A Sim's letter to his Aunt Mary A. Sims last night the sad news of P. H. Sims' death, which was on the 27th of June 1862. He was killed instantly at Gaines Mill in Va. I had written to P. H. Sims sometime previous to the battle, to write to me if he should happen to be in the battle and not get killed, to let me know for I was anxious to hear the result of the battle, and he promised that he would, and by his not writing I thought it more than likely he was killed. We could see no list of the casualties in the 11th Regiment but we saw it stated in the papers that they were engaged in the fight. And I could not find out by any means what had become of him until Gustus Sims answered Mary's letter, and it brought the sad news of his death. Poor fellow! He died in a glorious cause, defending his Country."

4. Benjamin Gordon Sims

b. Sept. 8, 1839, S. C.

d. Sept. 30, 1862, Richmond, Va.

Lived near Houston, Chickasaw Co., Miss.

War between the States, Confederate Army Company D., Miss.

Cavalry, 1st Battalion Cavalry Minute Men.

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Died from wounds received in battle of Richmond, Va. Burial place unknown. Names and dates of his birth and death on his mother's headstone in Old Methodist Church Cemetery near Houston, Miss.

Never married.

5. L. M. Cornelia Sims

b. Sept. 23, 1842 several days after death of her father.

d. Oklahoma

m. Robert Benjamin Smith

They lived at the farm home place in Chickasaw Co., Miss. until her mother's death and her husband's death.

No children.

g. Eli Gordon, Jr.

b. July 23, 1814, Newberry Dist., S. C.

d. Aug. 12, 1884, Chickasaw Co., Miss.

m. April 18, 1839, S. C. Nancy Kenchelo Farr

b. Feb. 21, 1817, Union Dist., S. C.

d. Sept. 11, 1889

Both buried in Old Prospect Methodist Church Cemetery, Chickasaw Co., Miss.

Removed from S. C. to Chickasaw Co., Miss., 1842

Eli Gordon, Jr. Confederate Army in War between the States.

Eli Gordon, Private Co. B, 1st Miss. Cav.

Eli Gordon Private Company F—3 Batt., Miss. Inf. From list of Old Soldiers who went into the service of the State of Miss. and Confederate States. The State of Mississippi, Chickasaw Co. Discharged on account of disability, returned home Oct. 15, 1863

Mississippi furnished to the Confederate States about all of the white manhood of the state.

After the Battle of Vicksburg, Miss., 1863, and the Battle of Gettysburg, Pa., 1863, the Southern forces were inferior in number to those opposing them. To make up as much as possible for this deficiency, the older men enlisted in companies to help meet the pressing need.

Among the older men in Mississippi was Eli Gordon, Jr. He enlisted for service on Sept. 24, 1863. He did not remain in camp very

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long on account of his disabilities. His name was on the list of Old Soldiers who went into the service of the State of Mississippi and of the Confederate States.

Eli Gordon—Private—Company B, 1 Mississippi Cav. C. S. A.
March 10, 1864 (R. M. C. S.)

Eli Gordon—Pvt. Co. F, 3 Batt. Miss. Inf. C. S. A. (R. M. C. S.)
State Troops

Excerpt from a war letter from Eli Gordon, Jr. to his wife and children.

“Camp near Tibbee Station
Oct. 7, 1863

“I received your letter by George Hollingsworth. Glad to hear from all of you and to receive the loaves of bread you sent. They could not have come in a better time for we labor under great ill-convenience, for want of a cook.

James Wilson brought a boy but went home in a day or two and took him, returned without him but brought a substitute. Then D. Marion and Tom Hamilton went home to bring horses and they were to bring a cook, but they have not nor will not return. Therefore, we have no cook. A. Parks, Jesse Lyles, Green Johnson and myself have done the cooking for several days. And as no account as I am I have had to do as much of it as any of them, or a little more. We have done tolerable well. We have had plenty of meal and beef and drew flour twice since I have been here. I have got the Sergeant Certificate for Disability but General Golston has passed it unnoticed yet. There are others in the camp that are in the same condition. Some disabled men went before the Sergeant and all got certificates for discharge and signed by Golston but me.

There is talk of the camp being moved. Some say to Meridian, Miss., and some to Tupelo, Miss., but we don't know whether it is really true or not.

It may be that Johnson's Force will be called to Chattanooga and the militia will be called to guard the point they hold.

I remain your husband
Eli Gordon”

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Records show that Eli Gordon was discharged on account of disability and returned to his home Oct. 15, 1863.

1. Julia Ann Rebecca Frances Gordon

b. Feb. 19, 1840, S. C.

d. Dec. 26, 1884, Chickasaw Co., Miss.

Never married.

2. Thomas Valentine Gordon

b. June 20, 1842, S. C.

d. June 12, 1932, Chickasaw Co., Miss. on Sunday at 10:00 A.M. Age 90 yrs.

Never married.

War between the States, 11th Regiment of Miss. Infantry. Served as Private in Company H, known as Chickasaw Guards. Enlisted at age of 19. Mustered into State Army of Confederate States Mar. 19, 1861. On account of illness discharged, after recovering joined Co. C, 31st Miss. and was with that command at Battle of Baton Rouge, La. Transferred back to Company H, 11th Miss. Regt. in Army of Northern Va. In Battle of Gettysburg, Pa. July 3, 1863; wounded, lost right thumb; captured by the enemy; sent to prison at Fort Delaware in Delaware Bay where he remained until close of War. Arrived home at Houston, Miss. June, 1865. He was a faithful Confederate Soldier of good standing. Never married. Lived out his life at the home of his father, Eli Gordon, Jr. Ref. for War Service: family records & Dept. of Archives & History, Jackson, Miss.

Letter written by Thomas Valentine Gordon's thirteen year old sister, Mary E. Gordon, who was attending school in Houston, Miss. and went home every weekend. Thomas V. Gordon returned home from the Delaware war prison June, 1865.

"Last Friday a week ago my brother came for me as usual. We started sooner than common. We had gone about three miles when one of my Aunts met with us and told us that our brother Thomas, that had been in prison at Fort Delaware was on his way home. She said that we would overtake him if we would drive faster, so we drove on and overtook him a half mile from home. I guess you

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can imagine how glad I was to see him. It had been three years since we parted with him last and to think that he had come out through the war alive, made me rejoice. I cannot describe how I felt, and I cannot tell you all we said on our way home, but I assure you when we got there we had a time of rejoicing. We rejoiced more over the one sheep that was lost than over the ninety and nine that had not gone astray.

How thankful we should feel to our Heavenly Father for his safe return home. I expect if he had remained much longer in prison he certainly would have died. He looked very badly. Just to hear him talk of the hardships he had to undergo in prison for the last two years, it appeared almost unreasonable.

The Yanks only gave them two meals a day at nine and at three o'clock and very short rations at that, two crackers and a small piece of meat.

And for retaliation after Lincoln's death they marched the prisoners out in the coldest weather, and made them stand in mud and water up to their knees, and a great many of them entirely destitute of shoes and socks and almost without clothes. Brother said he had gone for months with his feet wrapped with rags, as for changing clothes, he hardly knew what that was there, only as they would wear off. Often times he rose in the morning with his feet so swollen from cold that he could not put his shoes on.

A great many of the boys had their feet frost bitten so badly they had to have them amputated. He also spoke of seeing a number of the men lying on their bunks dead where they had frozen to death through the night and from hunger. He says that hunger is the most awful feeling that he had ever had.

He was with different contagious diseases but was fortunate in not taking any disease except the bone scurvy in his leg, so that he could not walk for several months.

While in prison he lost one of his best friends, Mr. Carothers. They often talked together of their many trials and troubles and tried to cheer each other by saying "look to the future when we will have a happy and peaceable time meeting with loved ones at home. When we think of the past, the present and future make us feel safe. But let us try to forget the past and hope for a better time to come in the future."

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A great deal has been said and written in condemnation of the Confederate prison, Anderson, in Georgia, where it was said that cruel treatment was inflicted on the Federal prisoners during the War between the States. Recently a television program was given telling of it and of the trial, by the Northerners and conviction and death sentence given the man who was in charge of the prison, which was just.

If anything has been publicized about the hardships of the Confederate soldiers at the Federal prison at Fort Delaware in Delaware Bay or of any trial or sentence imposed on the one in charge of it, the Writer's attention has never been called to it.

Could it be that the Southerners had suffered so much ill treatment that they were immune to it and it was just another atrocity to them, or was it more likely that they like Tom and his friend Carothers who in their noble and courageous hearts were willing to forget and look to the future for better days.

3. Baby son not named
 - b. Nov. 29, 1844, Chickasaw Co., Miss.
 - d. May 5, 184 ? not plain. Buried in Houston, Miss. Cemetery
4. Titus Green Gordon
 - b. Aug. 22, 1848, Chickasaw Co., Miss.
 - d. Nov. 20, 1910
 - Never married
5. Mary Elizabeth Sartor Gordon
 - b. Feb. 3, 1852, Chickasaw Co., Miss.
 - d. Jan. 30, 1938
 - m. Benjamin Dickerson Pulliam
 - d. May 3, 1933
 - Both buried in Old Prospect Church Cemetery, Chickasaw Co., Miss.
6. Salena Emma Gordon
 - b. July 4, 1854, Chickasaw Co., Miss.
 - d. April 14, 1906
 - Never married. Buried Easter Sunday in Old Prospect Methodist Church Cemetery, Chickasaw Co., Miss.

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7. John Anthony Pulaski Gordon
called Quitman or J. Q. Gordon
b. Dec. 13, 1855, Chickasaw Co., Miss.
d. Aug. 13, 1943
m. Martha Rowena Hudson of Clay Co., Miss. Both
buried in Old Prospect Methodist Church Cemetery,
Chickasaw Co., Miss.
 - b. Nov. 19, 1865
d. Dec. 26, 1906
 - a. Martha Mary (Mattie Mae) Gordon
m. Nov. 24, 1929, John Samuel Wymac Hodge.
No children.
 - b. Emma Maude Gordon
m. Dec. 24, 1919, Samuel Chester Clark
 1. Samuel Gordon Clark
World War II
Entered service April 29, 1943, Camp Shelby, Miss.
Pvt. 82 Airborne Division
Pvt. 80th Airborne Division AA Bn. Stationed in England, France & Germany.
Occupational troops in Berlin.
Sailed from France Dec. 3, 1945
Discharged from Fort Dix, N. J. Dec. 24, 1945. Arrived home in Houston, Miss. Dec. 26, 1945. Arrived in States Dec. 16, 1945.

Excerpts from letters from Samuel Gordon Clark, World War II

“Camp Shelby, Miss.
May 31, 1943

“I have been stationed at Camp Shelby permanently and have been busy since I have been here. I am in the 69th Division of the Infantry. I was in hopes I would get in the Air Corps but I didn't. This is a new Division that is just being put here, but they have about got things organized. You will notice that my address has been changed since I wrote to you. It is now Pvt. Sam G. Clark, A S N 34 630 133 Co. A 27 G 1 Inf. Camp Shelby, Miss.”

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Letter to Martha Mary Hodge & husband

"In England
June 2, 1944

"Dear Aunt Mae & Mr. Hodge,

It is probably getting quite warm in Miss. at this time but it is still chilly in England in the early mornings. This is a beautiful country and the people are very friendly to American soldiers. It is spring and the countryside is a dark green and beautiful. Practically all of the houses are built of brick, and even in the Country.

Both young and old ride bicycles and you see about as many bikes on the highways here as you see Automobiles in the States.

Our money was exchanged for English currency. It is very heavy as you can have a handful of silver and then not have more than a dollar or two.

Love, Sam"

Pvt. Sam G. Clark Headquarters 82 Airborne Division in England
July 15, 1944

Same Address Oct. 17, 1944

Same Division France, Feb. 9, 1945

"I was in Paris a couple of days over the weekend. It has just about everything that the large cities in the States have, if not more.

Yes, the 82nd Division is surely a great Division. It was mentioned in the "Stars and Stripes" five times last week. General Eisenhower has said it was the best Division under his command.

Always, Sam"

Berlin, Germany
Aug. 14, 1945

"According to the news last night on the radio the war with Japan is just about over. If the war is over in a few weeks, I think it will be sometime before I get to come home. They have so many soldiers overseas, it will take many ships to get them back. We are occupational troops and we will have to be replaced by new troops from the States. I will have exactly 85 points in January. From May 12 to January 12, will give me 16 more points to add to my 69 points—that is if the War Department decides to discharge the remainder of the men the way they are doing the others at the present time.

Sam"

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Pvt. Sam G. Clark 34 630 133
Hq. 80th A/B AA Bn.
82nd Airborne Division

September 30, 1945
Berlin, Germany

"It is a beautiful day in Berlin. The 82nd Airborne Division has been relieved of its Occupational Duties in Berlin around the 15th of Oct.

It will be relieved by the 70th (illegible) Division.

It is believed that we will sail for the States sometime in November taking only High Point men with us. The low point men will probably be transferred to another Airborne Unit. It was great news to the High Pointers and they are happy over the War Department's decision and don't think that I am not.

Your nephew
Sam"

- m. Mary Elizabeth Berry
 - a. Samuel Gordon Clark, Jr.
 - b. Tommy Clark
- c. Alice Belle Gordon
 - Never married
- d. Robert Hudson Gordon
 - m. July 14, 1928, Irene May Hayes
 - 1. Robert Hudson Gordon, Jr.
 - m. Feb. 15, 1952, Barbara Lou Elliott
 - a. Holly Lynette Gordon
 - b. Heather Leigh Gordon
- e. Johnnie Rowena Gordon
 - b. Oklahoma
 - m. May 26, 1930, Jesse Thomas Swain
 - 1. Dorothy Rowena Swain
 - m. June 20, 1958, William Daril Gutscher
 - a. Mark William Gutscher
 - b. Dec. 5, 1959
- h. Monroe Gordon
 - b. Nov. 21, 1817, South Carolina
 - d. Aug. 25, 1825
 - Buried in Old Gordon-Chick Cemetery in Union Co., S. C.

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- i. Rebecca Ann Gordon
 - b. May 16, 1820, S. C.
 - d. Sept. 5, 1892, S. C.
 - m. Mar. 9, 1843, John Valentine Lyles
 - Remained in Newberry Co., S. C.

Their Children:

- 1. John L. Lyles
 - b. July 17, 1844
 - d. Dec. 3, 1880
 - m. 1st Sarah Thomas
 - m. 2nd Frances Thomas (his first wife's sister)
 - m. 3rd Frances Gilliam, a first cousin of his first two wives.
 - No children
 - Served in Confederate Army in the War between the States
- 2. Taylor A. Lyles
 - b. Dec. 3, 1846
 - d. June 30, 1855
- 3. Mary Emma Rebecca Lyles
 - b. May 10, 1849
 - d. Oct. 4, 1930
 - m. David Anderson Thomas in S. C.
 - a. Rebecca Thomas
 - b. 1877
 - d. Young
 - b. John Lyles Thomas
 - b. 1879, S. C.
 - c. Toula Thomas—Lived at Whitmire, S. C. Never married. Buried in Old Lyles Cemetery on Broad River near Maybinton, Newberry Co., S. C.
 - d. Pearl Thomas—Lived at Whitmire, S. C. Never married
 - e. Asillee Thomas
 - f. Jim Ruff Thomas
 - Married between 1940 & 1950
 - Buried in Old Lyles Cemetery
 - 1. David Thomas

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4. William V. (Willie) Lyles
b. Sept. 28, 1851, S. C.
d. May 14, 1921
m. Ellen Thomas
b. 1858, S. C.
No children
5. Thomas J. Lyles
b. Jan. 14, 1854
d. In babyhood
6. Abraham Gordon (Aby) Lyles
b. Feb. 12, 1856
d. Nov. 17, 1910
m. Amelia Thomas
a. Jim Lyles
b. John Lyles
Married—Living in Columbia, S. C. 1939
7. Benjamin S. Lyles
b. Aug. 24, 1858
d. 1897
Never married
8. Reuben Lyles
b. Jan. 18, 1862
d. Jan. 13, 1940
Never married
9. Eliza Cornelia Ann Elizabeth (Eliza) Lyles
b. Dec. 5, 1865
d. June 3, 1922
m. Will Nance
Their children:
 - a. & b. First two children died in infancy
 - c. Eugene Nance
 - d. Osca Nance
 - e. Allen Nance
 - f. Maria Nance
 - g. Rebecca Nance
m. Mr. Scott
No children
10. Daughter—died at 5 or 6 yrs., 1896, S. C.

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Excerpt from an old letter:

"All the Lyles have been buried in the Old Lyles Graveyard for over 160 years. The cemetery is on the west side of Broad River in Newberry Co., S. C."

Excerpts from old letters:

Abraham Gordon to his niece, Julia Ann Gordon

"Newberry, South Carolina
Feb. 23, 1862

"John Lyles said he got a letter from John L. Lyles on Tuesday, and he said he was well and they were looking for a fight every day at Charleston."

Abraham Gordon to his brother, Eli Gordon, Jr.

"Newberry District, S. C.
Aug. 12, 1862

"Your nephew John L. Lyles stayed with me last night for the first time he had been out since his father and myself brought him home from Summerville where he was sent to from the coast. He had been sick about eight weeks with Typhoid fever, and on Sunday was the first day he walked out of the house since he has been home, which is about five weeks time, but I think if he will take care of himself he will soon be able to go back to his camp again."

Thomas R. Willson to his cousin, Julia Ann Gordon

"Lyles Ford, S.C.
Nov. 10, 1863

"Your cousin John L. Lyles has gone back to the Army at Charleston."

5. Thomas Gordon, Jr.

b. About 1774 in Newberry Co., S.C.

Youngest child of Major Thomas Gordon and his wife, Elizabeth Gordon. First appears as a witness to a deed date April 7, 1792 in Newberry Co., S.C. Sale of land on south side of Enoree river, bounded on east side by sd river and land laid out to John Gordon.

Witnesses: Samuel Otterson, Thomas Gordon, Jr.

May 28, 1796, Thomas Gordon, Sr., Thomas Gordon, Jr.

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and Jesse Gordon witnessed a deed made by Benjamin Gordon of Hancock Co., Ga. Land on Beaverdam Creek, a branch of Tyger river in South Carolina. Deed recorded in S.C.

Thomas Gordon, Jr. shared in the estate of his father, Major Thomas Gordon—1808-1811. His letter attached to admr. papers on page 33. Married and had family and moved away.

CHILDREN AND THEIR DESCENDANTS OF RUTH GORDON AND HER HUSBAND JACOB BROWN I

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1. Jacob Brown II

b. Aug. 3, 1761, Berkeley Co., S.C.

d. Aug. 21, 1838, Washington Co., Tenn.

m. Feb. 9, 1786, Elizabeth Byrd (or Bird), Washington Co., Tenn.

b. Jan. 28, 1769

d. 1846, Washington Co., Tenn.

Jacob Brown II and wife are buried in the family plot at the mouth of Cherokee Creek, Washington Co., Tenn.

Jacob Brown II was a private in the Revolutionary War, in the War of 1812¹, and Captain of Washington County, Tenn. Militia.

¹From family records.

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Jacob Brown II in application for a Revolutionary War pension states that he was in the following battles and served under the following officers:

ENGAGEMENTS

U. S. Army 1778-9
Campaign against Creek Indians

In U. S. Army on Beech Island in 1780

In Mecklenburg Co., N. C.
At Ramsour's Mill just after
Tories were defeated

In Battle of Rocky Mount and
At defeat of Tories at Yadkin

At Cowpens
Met Western Troops at Cowpens

Joined Jacob Brown I's Co.
and was in Battle of King's
Mountain

Indian Wars

In S. C. in 1781
Siege of 96th

Dec. 1781 in Tennessee
Fought against Indians

OFFICERS

Col. John Thomas
Capt. Wm. Farr

Col. Pickens and
Capt. Wm. Farr

Gen. Rutherford
Col. Thomas Brandon
Capt. Gordon

Gen. Rutherford & Gen.
Sumpter
Col. Brandon
Capt. Gordon

Lt. Skeiner or Skinner
Gabriel Brown (Cousin)
Cols. Campbell, Shelby &
Sevier

Jacob Brown I & Col. Sevier

Jacob Brown I & Col. Sevier

Col. Casey, Capt. Otterson &
Capt. George Avery

Col. Sevier
Capt. Thomas Hood

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Rev. War record of Jacob Brown II, Dep't of Archives, Columbia, S. C. Acc't 2744, Book X, May 11, 1786, for Militia duty in Brandon's Regiment before the fall of Charleston to Anderson's return.

Acc't 2745, Book X, May 11, 1786, for militia duty since the fall of Charleston in Brandon's Regt. to Anderson's return.

Book X, p. 718, Sept. 23, 1785 for 245 days militia duty as horseman from Mar. 19 to Nov. 1781.

a. Ruth Brown

b. Oct. 15, 1787

d.

m. Feb. 28, 1823 Nodding Hill (Vol. O, p. 32, Washington Co., Tenn. marriages)

Ruth was living in Missouri in the 1860's. Had reared a family on part of the ancestral estate and gone to Missouri possibly to live with children or grandchildren.

b. William Brown

b. Oct. 9, 1789

d.

m. Oct. 10, 1816 Susannah Nelson, daughter of George Washington Nelson and Alice Harr Nelson.

c. Thomas Jefferson Brown

b. Sept. 15, 1791

d.

m. Aug. 10, 1819 Sarah McCray

d. Sarah Brown

b. March 4, 1794

d. March 25, 1797

e. Mary (Polly) Brown

b. Nov. 26, 1796

d. May 2, 1867

m. Feb. 25, 1817 John Hunter

b. May 1, 1792

d. April 25, 1850

Mary (Polly) Brown and husband, John Hunter are buried in New Salem Baptist Cemetery, Washington Co., Tenn.

f. Rebecca Brown

b. Feb. 8, 1799

d. May 5, 1851

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m. May 18, 1821 Samuel Templin

b. Sept. 10, 1795

d. Dec. 31, 1852

Rebecca Brown and husband, Samuel Templin are buried in Brown Cemetery at mouth of Cherokee Creek, Washington Co., Tenn.

g. Bird Brown

b. Oct. 20, 1801

d. March 24, 1886

m. 1st Louisa Rebecca Sevier

b. Nov. 21, 1816

d. May 20, 1842

daughter of John Sevier, Jr. & wife Sophia (Garrette) Sevier. Their children, John Jacob Brown, b. Feb. 23, 1840, Sophia Louisa Brown, b. Jan. 14, 1842.

m. 2nd June 12, 1846 Cassandra Boring Lyle. Daughter of Chaney Boring and granddaughter of James Boring of Washington Co., Tenn.

A son, Samuel A. L. Brown.

h. Jacob Keen Brown

b. Jan. 28, 1804

d.

m. Oct. 26, 1828 Louisa Gaines in Scott Co., Va.

b.

d. April 27, 1832 Scott Co., Va.

He was living in Kemper Co., Mississippi in 1839.

i. Malinda Brown

b. Jan. 5, 1807

d.

m. April 26, 1827 David Birdwell

2. Benjamin Brown

b. About 1763, Berkeley Co., S.C.

d.

m. May 6, 1789 Sarah Hawkins Sevier, daughter of Col. John Sevier, who was also Gov. of The State of Franklin and of Tennessee.

The marriage bond for Benjamin Brown and Sarah Hawkins Sevier was signed by Benjamin Brown and John G. Brown.

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3. Thomas Brown

b. About 1765, Berkeley Co., S.C.

Will dated April 22, 1829; probated July, 1829, Washington Co., Tenn.

Heirs named: Wife Ann; sons, Jacob,¹ Gabriel, William Brown; daughter, Temandra Bayless.

Washington Co., Tenn., marriages: Gabriel Brown married Sarah Bayless, Dec. 30, 1822; Temandra Brown married Samuel G. Bayless, Aug. 8, 1821.

Thomas Brown owned about 600 acres of land in Washington Co., Tenn., 1345 acres near Muscle Shoals, Ala., and about 2500 acres a few miles north of Memphis, Tenn.

4. John Gordon Brown

b. About 1767 to 1770, Berkeley Co., S.C.

d.

m. Greene Co., Tenn. show marriage of John G. Brown Feb. 28, 1806 to Mary Ann Keicher.

John Gordon Brown was a Captain of Washington County Militia 1805 and later; also a Captain in the War of 1812.

¹Served in War of 1812.

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1. William Gordon, Jr.

b. Union Dist., S.C.

In 1782 received 150 acres of land being a part of a 200 acre tract known by the name of Ford Survey not taking the plantation willed to him by his father.

1790 U. S. Census, Union Dist., S.C.

William Gordon—1 male over 16 yrs., 3 males under 16 yrs., 6 females.

This William Gordon of the 1790 Census may have been William Gordon, Jr., son of William Gordon and wife Elizabeth. His age about 20 years with wife and one child, his mother and sister Cassandra and brother Posey Gordon, age 15 years, and a widow with three children all living in his home.

2. John Gordon

b. Union Dist., S.C.

In 1782 received 150 acres of land joining George Gordon's line—part of a tract where his father William Gordon had lived, the land running up and down the river. The land willed to him by his father.

Feb. 11, 1806 John Gordon witnessed and proved a deed made by Govin Gordon, Sr. planter of Union Dist., S.C. to David Glenn. The land was in Union Dist., S.C. and joined lands of Thomas Gordon, Posey Gordon and George Gordon.

July 30, 1790 John Gordon, planter of Pinckney Dist., Union Co., S.C. sold to David Glenn of Newberry Dist. S. C. 123½ acres of land, all that plantation or tract bounded by Thomas Gordons, Posey Gordons and John Caldwell's land being part of a tract of land granted to John Gordon¹ Nov. 10, 1756 by Matthew Rowan, Esq. recorded in Grant Book 2, p. 175. The land lying in the coun-

¹Grandfather of John Gordon of Pinckney Dist., Union Co., S.C.

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ties of Newberry and Union leading from Anderson Ford on Enoree to Hill's Ford on Tyger River.

Witnesses: George B. Wadlington, Posey Gordon, Thomas Wadlington. Deed recorded in Newberry Co., S.C.

Jan. 17, 1810 John Gordon witnessed and proved a deed of sale of land made by Posey Gordon his brother of Union Dist., S.C. to Burwell Chick of same Dist. and State, date Aug. 26, 1809. Deed recorded in Union Co., S.C.

The above records of John Gordon planter, show that he sold his land July 30, 1790, left him by his father but remained in S.C. where he witnessed and proved a deed made by his brother Posey Gordon 1809 & 1810.

3. Posey Gordon

b. Sept. 25, 1775 Union Dist., S.C.

d. Nov. 10, 1830, Greene Co., Ala.

m. Elizabeth Sims, daughter of James Sims.

b. Nov. 14, 1794 S.C.

d. June 7, 1837, Greene Co., Ala.

Both buried Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala. side by side.

Aug. 26, 1809 deed of sale of land made by Posey Gordon of Union Dist. S.C. to Burwell Chick of same district and state. For the sum of twelve hundred dollars sold 150 acres lying in Newberry and Union Dists. bounded by lands of David Glenn, Andrew Gordon, Burwell Chick and Hannah Henderson.

Witnessed by John Gordon, John Watkins and John Flynn, recorded in Union Co., S.C.

This land was the tract of land willed to Posey Gordon by his father William Gordon, and Posey Gordon was selling the land no doubt preparing to leave South Carolina for Georgia where his oldest children were born.

No record has been found of where Posey Gordon and his family lived in Georgia. They removed to Greene Co., Ala. where their sixth child was born 1822.

Land Office, Montgomery, Ala.

Dec. 11, 1828 Posey Gordon of Greene Co., Ala. granted 80 12 1/2/100 acres Sec. 28, Township 22 Range 1 West

80 12 1/2/100 Sec. 28 Range 1 West

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Posey Gordon's will recorded in Greene Co., Ala. signed Nov. 8, 1830, probated date April 30, 1831 states that he left everything to his wife Elizabeth and after her death to be divided equally among his children. Elizabeth S. Gordon, Administratrix.

Final settlement of Posey Gordon's wife Elizabeth's estate, Greene Co., Ala. Orphans' Court Oct. 28, 1848. Leaving a large estate, names their children as heirs-at-law. Josiah Collins and William Gordon appointed Administrators.

Court records, Greene Co., Ala.

James Sims, deceased, Nov. 12, 1832, named Elizabeth Gordon guardian to William Gordon, age 20, Drucilla Gordon, age 17, John Gordon, age 16, Albert Gordon, age 12, Samuel Gordon, age 10, Emeline Gordon, age 9, Amanda Gordon, age 7, Harriett Gordon, age 5, Josey (Posey) Gordon, age 2, minor heirs of their deceased grandfather, James Sims. Securities Jefferson Gordon, Jesse Gordon.

West Greene Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala. near Mt. Hebron Cemetery, has an old tomb with inscription—Lasey Sims, consort of Captain James Sims. No dates.

- a. Mary Ann Gordon
 - b. Nov. 20, 1811, Georgia
 - d. Aug. 10, 1836, Greene Co., Ala.
 - b. Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
 - m. Feb. 16, 1828, Humphrey Stephenson.
 - Book A, P. 83, Greene Co., Marriage record.
 - 1. John Stephenson
 - b. 1829, Ala.
 - 2. Mary A. Stephenson
 - b. 1836, Ala.

John and Mary A. Stephenson living in the home of Josiah Collins 1850 (U.S. Census, Greene Co., Ala.)

Humphrey Stephenson married
2nd Mary A. Hines, July 19, 1841.
M. Record, Greene Co., Ala.

- b. William Posey Gordon
 - b. 1813, Georgia
 - d. Oct. 22, 1893, Hale Co., Ala.

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- m. May 12, 1838, Susan Q. Drinkwater
 - b. May 10, 1821
 - d. May 25, 1893, Hale Co., Ala.
- Marriage Book B, P. 206, Greene Co., Ala.
 - 1. Lycurgus Gordon
 - b. April 28, 1839
 - d. July 24, 1841
 - Buried Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
 - 2. Olivia Gordon
 - b. Sept. 14, 1845
 - d. Mar. 5, 1917, Hale Co., Ala.
 - m. W. A. Robinson
- c. Drucilla E. Gordon
 - b. Dec. 15, 1814, Georgia
 - d. July 19, 1848
 - Buried Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
- m. Feb. 12, 1835, Josiah Collins
 - b. 1804, Kentucky
- M. Book B, P. 102, Greene Co., Ala.
 - 1. Posey G. Collins
 - b. Dec. 21, 1837
 - d. Sept. 20, 1844
 - Buried Mt. Hebron Cemetery Greene Co., Ala.
 - 2. Frances C. Collins
 - b. 1839, Ala.
 - d.
 - m. J. J. Dunlap
 - a. Josiah C. Dunlap
 - b. Jan. 6, 1865
 - d. Feb. 16, 1866
 - 3. Josiah Collins, Jr.
 - b. 1843, Greene Co., Ala.
 - War between the States. Served in Confederate Army
 - 4. Orlando Collins
 - b. Feb. 17, 1846
 - d. Sept. 7, 1846
 - Buried Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.

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5. Cornelia A. Collins

b. 1847, Greene Co., Ala.

Josiah Collins, Sr.

m. 2nd Penelope Barber Cabiness, 1850

b. Nov. 28, 1814

d. Nov. 21, 1881

Buried Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.

d. John Andrew Jackson Gordon

b. Nov. 7, 1816, Ga.

d. Oct. 7, 1894

m. April 13, 1838, Ann M. Campbell

b. Oct. 21, 1820, N. C.

d. Oct. 13, 1894

M. Book, Greene Co., Ala., Book B, P. 201. Both buried Newbern Cemetery, Hale Co., Ala.

1. James J. Gordon

b. 1840, Greene Co., Ala.

War between the States, Confederate Army 1st Lieut.
Co. B, 11th Ala. Infantry

Promotion June 30, 1862, born in Ala.

Residence Forkland, Ala. Age 21 in 1861

Hist. Record Roll signed near Petersburg, Va. Dec.
31, 1864

2. John C. Gordon

b. 1844, Greene Co., Ala.

War between the States, Confederate Army Pvt.
Murphy Independent Mounted Co. Later Co. F, 3rd
Ala. Cavalry. Enlisted Greene Co., Ala., Nov. 18, 1861
by Cap't Murphy. Record Roll photostat dated Dec.
31, 1861, Mobile, Ala.

3. Helen M. Gordon

b. 1849, Greene Co., Ala.

4. Posey H. Gordon

b. 1851

5. Robert B. Gordon

b. 1853

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6. Mary F. Gordon
 - b. Sept. 2, 1855
 - d. July 14, 1910
 - m. Selby Hardenbergh
 - b. Mar. 11, 1842
 - d. Nov. 18, 1914
 - Both buried Newbern Cemetery, Hale Co., Ala.
 - a. Selby Hardenbergh, Jr.
 - b. 1880
 - d. 1920
 - b. Newbern Cemetery, Hale Co., Ala.
 - b. Gordon Hardenbergh
 - b. 1882
 - d. 1947
 - b. Newbern Cemetery, Hale Co., Ala.
 - m. Sept. 4, 1907, Mildred Brown
 - b. Aug. 31, 1889, Selma, Ala.
 - Dau. of John Fairchild Brown and wife, Kate Milhous Brown
 1. Jack Brown Hardenbergh
 - b. June 18, 1908, Newbern, Ala.
 - m. 1934, Marjorie Ruffner in Cleveland, Ohio
 - a. Mildred Lou Hardenbergh
 - b. Feb. 21, 1937
 - b. Sarah Ann Hardenbergh
 - b. Oct. 12, 1943, adopted child
 - c. William Frederick Hardenbergh
 - b. May 3, 1948, adopted child
 2. Gordon Hardenbergh, Jr.
 - b. Sept. 8, 1909, Newbern, Ala.
 - m. 1930, Eulasse Stinson in Ensley, Ala. at Baptist Church
 - a. Firmon E. Hardenbergh
 - b. July 9, 1931
 - m. Jane
 1. Esther Jane Hardenbergh
 - b. Sept. 1960



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COL. HAL HARDENBERGH

Descendants of William Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

3. Joseph Winston Hardenbergh
 - b. July 1, 1911, Newbern, Ala.
 - d. Mar. 27, 1929
 - b. Newbern Cemetery, Hale Co., Ala.
4. Charles Hardenbergh
 - b. Feb. 12, 1913, Newbern, Ala.
 - d. Feb. 5, 1960, Cameron, La.
 - Served in World War II, Chief Petty Officer in Sea Bees of Navy
 - m. Eula Harrison
 - a. Thomas Eugene Hardenbergh
 - b. Dec. 22, 1930, son of Charles' wife by a former marriage and adopted by Charles.
 - m. Helen of San Antonio, Texas
 1. Charles Glenn Hardenbergh
 - b. Feb. 21, 1956
 2. George Warren Hardenbergh
 - b. Coronado, Calif.
 3. Linda Diane Hardenbergh
 - b. Oct. 26, 1957
 4. Margo Hardenbergh
 - b. 1958
 - b. Hal Winston Hardenbergh
 - b. April 14, 1936
 - c. Frances Gordon Hardenbergh
 - b. July 7, 1939, Greensboro, Ala.
 - m. 1957, Conrad Bradford Turney
 - Serving in the Marines
 1. Conrad Bradford Turney, Jr.
 - b. June 8, 1958, N. C.
 2. James Alan Turney
 - b. Sept. 27, 1959, N. C.
 5. Hal Hardenbergh
 - b. Feb. 13, 1915, Newbern, Ala.
 - Served in World War II
 - Colonel in U.S. Army, 1960

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Serving as Chief of Personnel Div. at the NATO Base in Naples, Italy. He reported to Naples in July, 1960 from duty as Secretary of the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, a position in which he served from 1957. In his assignment in Naples, Col. Hardenbergh will direct personnel assignments involving officers and enlisted men of six NATO nations: France, Greece, Italy, Turkey, The United Kingdom and the United States.

A long time soldier and combat veteran of World War II, Col. Hardenbergh began his military career in 1935 as a member of the Alabama National Guard. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in that organization in November, 1937.

m. Anne Trotter of Eutaw, Ala. at Episcopal Church in Eutaw, Ala.

a. Joanne Hardenbergh

b. June 6, 1942, Birmingham, Ala.

b. Jane Hardenbergh

b. Aug. 20, 1946, Columbus, Ga.

6. Selby Hardenbergh

b. Jan. 20, 1921

B.A. Degree from University of Ala.,

Served in World War II in the Army in France.

m. Mrs. Frances Priestly Graham, May 13, 1961 at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

7. Raymond Fisher Hardenbergh

b. Nov. 29, 1922, Newbern, Ala.

Lieut. in Air Corps in World War II

Killed Feb. 24, 1944 in a plane accident at Greenville Army Air Base in South Carolina at the age of 21 years.

Descendants of William Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- 8. Murrey Brown Hardenbergh
 - b. April 18, 1925, Newbern, Ala.
Served in Air Corps in World War II
(Bombardier)
 - m. Loise Burgess of Lexington, Ky.
 - a. Linda Lee Hardenbergh
 - b. April 14, 1946, Lexington, Ky.
 - b. Susan Hardenbergh
 - b. May 22, 1949, Lexington, Ky.
 - c. Raymond Alan Hardenbergh
 - b. Nov. 6, 1953, Lexington, Ky.
 - d. Tina Hardenbergh
 - b. May 6, 1961, Lexington, Ky.
- 7. Elizabeth Gordon
 - b. 1859, Ala.
- e. Jesse Albert Gordon
 - b. 1819
Deceased at his father's death, 1830
- f. Samuel W. Gordon
 - b. Jan. 9, 1822, Greene Co., Ala.
 - d. July 17, 1842
b. Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
- g. Emeline Gordon
 - b. 1823, Greene Co., Ala.
 - m. Uriah Anderson
- h. Amanda C. Gordon
 - b. 1825
 - m. Feb. 11, 1847, Nathan Goree
M. Book B, P. 416, Greene Co., Ala.
- i. Harriett C. Gordon
 - b. 1829, Greene Co., Ala.
 - d. June 26, 1859
 - m. July 15, 1847, M. Book B, P. 423, Greene Co., Ala., Ezekiel B. G. Steele
 - b. April 5, 1826, Ala.
 - d. Aug. 4, 1855
 - Both buried Mesopotamia Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala. Side by Side

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1. Elizabeth Steele
b. 1848, Ala.
2. Medora Steele buried Mesopotamia Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
b.
d. Age 21 Mo. 13 da.
3. Medora Steele
b. 1851
d. Oct. 5, 1925
Named for her deceased sister, Medora.
m. Thomas W. Cobb
a. Fannie Cobb
b. Jan. 3, 1882
m. June 27, 1911, Herbert O. Gosa
M. Book E-2, P. 23, Greene Co., Ala., Herbert O. Gosa
b. Nov. 10, 1885
4. Fannie S. Steele
b. April 16, 1854
d. July 27, 1889
Buried Ebenezer Presbyterian Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
m. Bruce Gordon
a. Infant son
b. July 2, 1889
d.
Buried Ebenezer Presbyterian Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.

Harriett C. Gordon

m. 2nd William Hale and died at his home in Sumter Co., Ala.
Buried beside her first husband E. B. G. Steele

j. Posey H. Gordon

b. 1831, Greene Co., Ala.

U.S. Census 1850, Greene Co., Ala., was living in the home of Josiah Collins

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- k. James S. Gordon
 - b.
 - d.
 - m. Aug. 17, 1835, M. Book B, P. 59, Greene Co., Ala., Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks
- l. Adeline Gordon, infant daughter of Posey and Elizabeth Gordon—no date—buried Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., Ala.
- 4. Cassandra (Cassey) Gordon
 - b. about 1777 in Union Dist., S. C.
 - Was willed by her father William Gordon, 1781, the plantation where he and her mother Elizabeth lived; also, fifty acres joining part of Ford Survey, in Union District, S. C.

“Greene County, Alabama, a county older than the state of Alabama, was laid out in 1819 with Erie, Ala. the County Seat. It was named for the Revolutionary hero, Gen. Nathaniel Greene, who by his victory over the British at Eutaw Springs, South Carolina, 1781, broke their power in South Carolina.

In 1820 when the government opened up this fertile land for settlement and began selling land patents at a very low price, there was a constant inflow of settlers from every direction, particularly South Carolina, and in 1855 nearly one half of the voting list of the county was from South Carolina.

In 1838 the county seat of Greene County was moved from Erie to Eutaw, Ala. the present site named for Gen. Greene’s victory at Eutaw Springs, S. C.

The U. S. Gazetteer of 1854 says that Greene Co., Ala. was then the most populous county in the state and perhaps not surpassed by any in wealth and refinement.

Much remains today which bespeaks of the culture of early days: beautiful old ante-bellum homes, among which are Gordon homes, and the wonderful displays of china, silver, war relics, books and portraits recently seen in the store windows commemorating the centennial of the War between the States.

The original architecture on the Court House square, well preserved and well kept, attracts much attention of travelers.

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Though now Greene County is much smaller in size since a large portion of the original county on the other side of the Warrior River was made into Hale County, Ala., the quality remains the same, and now people write and come from all over the United States in search of the old records of their ancestors who once dwelt in this historic land, dear to the hearts of many.

Greene Co., Alabama, from its earliest days onward is deeply indebted to the Gordon family for the outstanding role they have played in its religious, cultural, economic and military developments. Their descendants can indeed be proud of the rich heritage left them by their forefathers as recorded on the pages of history in Greene County, and in the hearts of those who knew them."

Mrs. S. M. Marshall
Greene Co., Ala.

Among the South Carolina settlers were many of Newberry and Union Counties, S. C. who were children and grandchildren of Major Thomas Gordon, Captain William Gordon and Captain Govin Gordon.

CHILDREN AND THEIR DESCENDANTS OF GOVIN GORDON AND WIFE SARAH

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1. Govin Gordon, Jr.

b. 1779, Union Dist., S. C. U.S. Census 1850, Newton Co., Miss.

d. Newton Co., Miss.

Witnessed and proved a deed of sale of land in the Newberry and Union Counties, S. C. made by George Gordon and wife Elizabeth of Livingston Co., Ky., 1800. The deed shows that Govin Jordon, Jr. made the trip to Kentucky to witness the deed and bring it back to S. C. where he proved and recorded it in Union Co., S. C., as has been stated before.

Govin Gordon, Jr., was living in 1805 when his father was named Govin Gordon, Sr. on a deed recorded in Union Co., S. C. Removed to Greene Co., Ala. From there to Newton Co., Miss.

m. Mary _____

b. 1789 in S. C.—U.S. Census Newton Co., Miss., 1850.

Their children:

Nancy Gordon, Letty Gordon, James Gordon, Eli Gordon, Andrew Gordon and Elizabeth Gordon

a. Nancy Gordon

b. Nov. 25, 1807

d. Aug. 30, 1886

m. July 16, 1827, Thomas G. Lay. M. Book A, P. 63, Greene Co., Ala.

b. Feb. 5, 1805, Greene Co., Ala.

d. Feb. 13, 1863

Thomas G. Lay served in War between the States, came home on furlough, took measles and died.

Both Thomas G. Lay and wife Nancy buried on a

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beautiful little knoll about one hundred yards from their house. This became the private burial ground for the Lay family, and was in Salem Community, Miss. where they had settled after leaving Greene Co., Ala. Their home in Salem Community became an Inn during the days of the Stagecoach. Nancy Gordon and Thomas G. Lay were distant cousins.

1. Robert McAllister Lay never married, lived at home with his mother after his father's death.

2. James Gordon Lay

- m. Puss Ann Boler of Union, Miss. The old Boler home still stands near the Presbyterian Church in Union, Miss.

Their children who lived to be grown were:

- a. Thomas W. Lay

- m. Lou Champion

1. Hattie Lay

- m. Willie Graham

- a. Guy Graham

- b. Gladys Graham

- c. Susie May Graham

- d. Maggie Lee Graham

- b. Robert Lay

- m. Ella Clower

1. Clyde Lay

2. Willie Lay

3. Maggie Lay

- m. I. A. Stewart of Hattiesburg, Miss.

- c. Walter E. Lay—buried Salem Church Cemetery

- m. Exah Lang

1. Dewey Lay

2. W. J. Lay

3. Edith Lay

Edith Lay and her mother in 1958 lived at the old Lay place where the cemetery is located.

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- d. James Franklin Lay
 - m. Maggie Magdalene Nichols
 - 1. Dewitt Talmage Lay, married
2 children
 - 2. Newton McAllister Lay, married
2 children
 - 3. Nancy Ethel Lay
 - 4. Fannie Ruth Lay, teacher
- e. Nannie E. Lay
 - m. 1st Isham Cleveland
 - m. 2nd Rev. I. J. Hailey
No children
- f. Ida Lay
 - m. John Rape
 - 1. Alvin Rape
 - 2. Jakie Rape
 - 3. Mack Rape
 - Ida Lay Rape buried Salem Cemetery
- b. Letty Gordon
 - m. Robert McAllister, Sept. 9, 1830, Marriage Book B, Greene Co., Ala.
 - d. 1840—buried on farm 7 miles from Decatur, Ala.
2 children
 - Wiley Thornton born 1874. In July 1961 living on a farm 5 miles from New Albany, Miss. Alone, single. Has his grandmother's Bible and little work basket. He is a grandson of Letty Gordon McAllister.
- c. James Gordon
 - b. 1816, S. C.
 - d. 1896, Newton Co., Miss.
Never married, buried County Line Cemetery, Neshoba Co., 3 miles east of Union, Miss.
- d. Eli Gordon, War between the States, private
 - b. 1821, Alabama
 - d. Newton Co., Miss., Feb. 1908
Buried Greenland, Newton Co., Miss.
 - m. 1st Miss Whitehead

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1. John Givin Gordon
 - b. 1860
 - d. 1934
 - m. Johnnie Andrews of Tennessee and Texas
 - a. Benjamin Franklin Gordon
 - b. 1888
 - d. 1960
 - m. 1st Kate Bynum
 1. Bennie Kate Gordon
 - m. Glover Bynum
 - a. Stanley Bynum served in Air Force since World War II and Korea
 - b. James Bynum
 - c. Elizabeth Bynum
 - m. 2nd Myra Chandler
 2. Mildred Gordon
 - m. 1st George Reeves
 - a. Georgia Frances Reeves
 - m. 2nd John Green
 - a. Daughter
 - b. John Green, Jr.
 3. Franklin Edwin Gordon
 - b. Waldean Gordon
 - b. 1890
 - m. Lee Smith
 1. Annie Lee Smith
 - m. Robert Short
 - a. Everett Lee Short
 - b. Albert Earl Short
 - c. Beuna Gordon
 - m. Dock Roney
 1. Daniel Haskel Roney
 - m. Hazel Lindsey
 - a. Preston Daniel Roney
 - b. Larry Roney
 - d. Peyton William Gordon
 - b. Jan. 29, 1894

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Served in Army, World War I, Pvt.
m. Clara Effie Crotwell

1. Darrow Lucille Gordon

b. Mar. 14, 1920

m. Roy V. Hopkins

a. Miriam Angela Hopkins

b. Oct. 12, 1940. Senior at
Miss. State Univ., 1961-1962

b. Terry Keith Hopkins

b. Aug. 25, 1942. Sophomore
at Jones Junior College, Ellis-
ville, Miss., 1961-1962

c. Gregory Verlon Hopkins

b. Nov. 10, 1947

2. Carver Wycliffe Gordon

b. Nov. 5, 1923

Served in World War II Navy
aboard U.S.S. Mississippi in the
Pacific

m. Cecelia Albinski

a. Russell Steven Gordon, age 8
in 1961

b. Marilyn Veta Gordon, age 5
in 1961

c. Alicia Gayle Gordon, age 1
in 1961

3. Aubrey Gene Gordon

b. Mar. 3, 1928

Served in U.S. Air Force, 1946 to
1949. Served in Navy World War II
Captain in Reserve Air Force 1961
Graduate of Jones Junior College
and Miss. State University, major
in accounting. A C.P.A. in Miss.,
an accounting supervisor with
Tenn. Coal & Iron Div. of U.S.
Steel Corp., 1961, in Fairfield, Ala.

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- m. Dora Catherine Kittrell of
Beaumont, Miss.
 - a. Gene Nolan Gordon, b. Oct.
21, 1952
 - b. Donald Kenneth Gordon, b.
June 9, 1959
- e. Jesse Given Gordon
Served in Army, World War I
- m. Ruby Short
 - 1. Jesse Edward Gordon
Served in Navy, World War II
 - m. 1st
 - a. Ruby Jean Gordon
 - m. 2nd
 - 2 children
 - 2. Ida Doris Gordon
 - m. Leland Waites
 - a. Linda Waites
 - b. Robert Waites
- f. Susie Gordon, deceased, 1940
- m. Howard Barnett
- g. Coy S. Gordon
- m. Gladys Myers
 - 1. Charles S. Gordon
Served in Army in Korean War
 - m. Mary Jo Moss
 - No children
 - 2. Dorothy Carol Gordon
- Eli Gordon m. 2nd Edna Bledsoe Lewis
 - 1. William Eli Gordon
 - b. 1865
 - m. Miss Herrington
 - d. 1947, buried Greenland, Newton Co., Miss.
 - a. Susie Gordon
 - b. 1889
 - d. 1960
 - Buried Pine Grove, Neshoba Co., Miss.
 - Taught school

Children and Descendants of Govin Gordon and Wife Sarah

m. Sidney Nelson

d. 1918

1. Lola and Nola Nelson twins; Both teachers; married Smiths

2. Nola

d. 1949, buried Little Rock, Miss. in graveyard adjoining one that Govin Gordon, Jr. was buried in.

3. Arnold Nelson, LLD, Pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Thibodaux, La.

World War II, Army

4. Claude Nelson—World War II, Air Force
59 flying missions over Germany

5. Elaine Nelson, teacher

m. Rev. Truly Reynolds

At one time Susie, Lola, Nola, Arnold, Claude and Elaine Nelson were teaching school at the same time.

b. Sylvester Gordon

b. 1893

d. 1898

c. Lena Gordon

m. Ray Chaney, Hickory, Miss.

1. Sarah Alatha Chaney

Sarah Alatha Chaney was born at Hickory, Newton County, Mississippi, Feb. 23, 1923, daughter of Enoch Ray Chaney and wife, Lena Gordon Chaney. Her paternal grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Chaney, Sr., Hickory, Miss.; her maternal grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gordon, Union, Miss. She was graduated from Hickory at the age of sixteen years, attended East Central Junior College, Decatur, Miss. and received a B.S. degree from Mississippi Southern July 29, 1943.

On August 1, 1943, while wading in the Bowie River, Alatha accidentally stepped into a whirlpool and was drowned. She was laid to rest in the little country cemetery at Pleasant Ridge Church, Hickory, Miss.

Sarah Alatha Chaney was a poet. In her childhood she wrote rhymes and her superb talent was apparent early, when in her eighteenth year she had written many poems of worth depicting

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her love of nature and its beauties, her devotion to parents and home, and love for her friends, and reflecting her beautiful Christian character. A book "Poems of Sarah Alatha Chaney" in which she lives on, has been published by her mother, Mrs. E. R. Chaney (Lena Gordon Chaney), who has kindly permitted the publication in this work of several of the poems selected by the writer which follow:

POEMS BY SARAH ALATHA CHANEY HICKORY, MISS.

MY BIBLE AND I

Dedicated to Rev. C. S. Moulder

"We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
Through all kind of weather, with smile or with sigh.
In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest and calm!
Thy friendship, unchanging, my lamp and my psalm.

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
When life has grown weary, and death e'en was nigh!
But all through the darkness of mist and of wrong,
I found thee a solace, a prayer, and a song.

So now who shall part us, my Bible and I?
Shall 'isms or schisms, or 'new lights' who try?
Shall shadow for substance, or stone for good bread,
Supplant thy sound wisdom, give folly instead?

Ah, no, my dear Bible, exponent of light!
Thou sword of the spirit, put error to flight!
And still through life's journey, until my last sigh,
We'll travel together, my Bible and I."

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I LOVE A NARROW COUNTRY ROAD

I love a narrow country road
O'er hill and valley winding,
Around each bend and o'er each hill
A new adventure finding;
An elder tree, a maple tree,
A flower wild and fair,
And underneath the berry vines
A rabbit cuddles there.
A nest of birds among the trees
Up flies a baby crow—
While below a wooden bridge
A creek meanders low.
I love the coolness of the shade
The pearly morning dew
I love a narrow country road
Because there are so few.

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I'D LIKE TO BE A COWBOY

I'd like to live a Cowboy's life,
And ride a range all day,
Forgetting troubles of this world
That carefree western way.

I'd like a cowboy's uniform
A horse that's all my own,
A lot of honest cowboy pals
A bunk house for my home.

I'd like to build a campfire small
Out of decaying bone.
And have my supper and my thoughts
Where I can be alone.

I'd like for round-up time to come,
To brand the dogies new,
To climb some rocky canyon wall
Where prairie skies are blue.

Around the bunkhouse every night,
The sound of soft guitars,
And lullabies and yodeling
Beneath those western stars.

I'd like to live a cowboy's life
To roam the woody west,
But I'm a girl down in the South
And know that that is best.

In World War II the Chaplain of the 38th Army Division had 2300 copies of Alatha Chaney's poem "Jesus in an Army Chapel" made, one for each man in the 38th Division, Field Artillery. Later the poem was printed in the *Reveille*, a weekly publication at Camp Shelby.

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2. Clarence Ray Chaney

d. Elby Oscar Gordon, teacher, B.S., Miss. Southern; M.A. Miss. State Univ. 42 years teaching.

m. Mavis Winstead, 1926

1. William Harold Gordon

Serving in Air Force 1st class 1961, Navy, Stewart Air Force Base, Nashville, Tenn.

m. Reba Ann Smith

a. Liz Gordon

2. Charles Sylvester Gordon

Serving in Air Force 1st class, Navy, 1961; Castle Air Force Base, Calif.

m. Linda Patenaude—French girl from Kansas

a. Charles Gordon

3. Lydia Gordon Age 11, in 1961

Elby Oscar Gordon has written some poems and stories. Radio announcer 11 years.

e. Maude B. Gordon

m. Leslie Smith

Three girls

A son Gerald Smith served in Air Force 1st class 1957-1959

f. William Carleton Gordon

m. Lura Walters

1. Wilma Gordon, teacher

m. Herman Johnson

2. Cebron P. (Sebe) Gordon, served in Army in 1953-54 Air Force 1st class, World War II

3. Helen Gordon

g. Ophelia Gertrude Gordon

B.S. Degree from College. Teaching school.

m. Ferguson

1. Gordon Byron Ferguson works in Memphis, Tenn. Bank. Army 1954 Pvt.

h. James Virgil Gordon. B.S. & M.A. Degrees. Miss. Southern. Teacher; Supt. Woolmarket School, Biloxi, Miss. World War II, Army Pvt.

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- m. Deane Flint
Two children
- i. Lloyd Harold Gordon, teacher. World War II, Army.
Pvt.
 - m. Lela Skaggs
- j. Adra Dana Gordon
 - m. Lorene Collins
 - One child
- k. Selby Darrel Gordon
 - b. 1920—Served in World War II Navy Seaman
 - m. Gertrude Cochran, 1961
 - Living on the old Gordon homestead, Union, Miss.
- 2. Eugene Gordon
 - b. 1867
 - d. 1934, buried at Greenland, Newton Co., Miss.
 - m.
 - a. Iva Gordon
 - d. 1924
 - m. Charlie Thornton
 - Three children
 - 1. Charles William Thornton served in Korean War
 - b. Velma Gordon
 - m. George Addy
 - Six children
 - 1. Gordon Addy served in World War II
 - 2. Lavon Addy served in peace time
 - 3. Foy Addy, World War II
 - c. Walter Gordon
 - b. 1899
 - d. 1953
 - m. Kate Duett
 - Three children
 - d. Benton Gordon
 - m. Flossie Edwards
 - 1. Rex Gordon, County Attorney, Newton Co., Miss.
Served in Army World War II.
 - 2. Clay Gordon. Served in Army World War II.

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- 3. Marcus Gordon, Attorney. Served in Army Korean War.
- e. Gean Gordon. Worked in Washington, D.C.
Never married.
- f. Earl B. Gordon, World War II
William Wayne Gordon, Ellis Earl Gordon, Gene Gordon and Ray Gordon, grandsons of Eugene Gordon, all served in the Korean War.
- 3. Doss Gordon
 - b. 1871
 - d. 1927, buried Greenland, Newton Co. Miss.
 - m. Leona Langham
 - a. Nellie Gordon, teacher
 - m. Fred Beeman
 - One son. Edwin Beeman World War II Army
 - b. Mae Gordon, teacher
 - m. 1st Cody Cunningham
 - 2nd John Golden
 - No children
 - c. Edgar L. Gordon, teacher
 - m. Lou Ella Blount
 - 1. Edward Gordon, M.D. 2 years Navy 1957.
Married and has three children.
 - 2. James D. Gordon. Navy Reserve.
 - d. Luther Gordon, attorney, was once teacher.
Married Anna Belle McClellen and has one child, daughter.
 - e. Lois Gordon
 - m. Pierce
 - Several children
 - 1. Jack Pierce, World War II Army
 - 2. James Pierce, World War II Navy
 - f. Lela Gordon, teacher
 - m. Wilson Basket
 - No children
 - g. Essie Gordon, teacher
 - m. ----- Cleveland.
 - Two children. 1. Son, National Guard

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- h. Felderia Gordon, teacher in early years
 - m. D. L. Chaney, Air Force
- i. Fred Gordon
 - m. Etoile Winstead
 - No children
- 4. Sis Gordon (Edna Lavert)
 - b. 1875
 - d. 1948
 - m. Ben L. Meador
 - a. Ambrose Meador
 - d. 1950
 - m. Miss Rayborn
 - Several children
 - 1. Ozno Meador. Army, World War II.
 - 2. Ralph Meador. Army, World War II.
 - b. Ruth Meador
 - m. John Wall
 - Three children
 - 1. John Wall, Jr. World War II Navy
 - c. Belle Meador
 - m. Marcellus Horton
 - Several children
 - 1. Fred Horton, Army World War II
 - 2. Arlin Horton, World War II Army
 - d. Willie Meador, World War I Navy
 - Married and has one son
 - Laverne Meador, World War II Army
 - e. Verna Meador
 - m. Ollie Hollingsworth
 - 1. Daughter
 - 2. Ollie Joe Hollingsworth. Served in World War II
 - Seaman 1st class
 - f. Virgil Meador
 - m. Alline Payne
 - Two children, teachers and outstanding coaches.
 - g. Bennie Lewis Meador
 - m. Warrene Walden
 - Had children

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- h. Homer Meador
 - i. J. C. Meador, Navy World War II
 - m. 1st Miss Allgood
 - m. 2nd Miss Vance
 - j. Odessa Meador
 - m. Grady May
 - Many children
 - 1. Jackie May, Navy World War II
 - 2. Johnnie May, Navy World War II
 - 3. Jimmie May, now in Army

The Meador children are noted for their good looks. Sis was a noted beauty in her day.

5. Oscar Jerome Gordon

- b. 1878
- d. 1943, buried Greenland, Newton Co. Miss.
- m. Mary Langham, Jan. 9, 1898
 - a. Lora Gordon, teacher
 - m. Rev. James Henry Herrington, World War I USN 2/c
 - Eight sons all holding responsible positions.
 - 1. Charles Emerson Herrington. Served in World War II USNS 1/c
 - 2. James Elton Herrington. Served in World War II USNGM 2/c
 - 3. Gordon Maxwell Herrington. Served in World War II Master Sgt. Army. 5 major battles. 3 with Patton. Southern Natural Gas Co., Birmingham, Ala.
 - 4. Rufus Merle Herrington. Served in World War II Maritime A.S.U.S.M.S.
 - 5. Chester Norris Herrington. Served in World War II Army S1/c Sgt. Now serving, 1961 N.G. 155 Infantry.
 - 6. Connice Edward Herrington. Served since World War II USN HM 2.
 - 7. Gerald Ray Herrington. Served since World War II Air Force A1/c.

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8. William Alton Herrington. Army Pvt. USAR.
Now serving, 1961. Works with Miss. Highway
in office drafting, Jackson, Miss.
- b. Nora Gordon, teacher
- m. H. A. Watkins
Four children—1 daughter and 3 sons
Three sons in World War II
 1. Clois Watkins. Served in World War II Marines
 2. Coyte Watkins. Served in World War II USNS
1/c
 3. Gordon Watkins. Served since World War II
Marines
- c. Ernest Gordon
- b. 1901
- d. 1958
- m. Elma Cunningham
 1. Wallace Gordon, teaching Miss. State University,
Starkville, Miss. Served in Army World War II
1st Lt. Army
 2. Robert Cecil Gordon, NG Army. Served in Army
World War II
 3. Wm. Jerome Gordon, USNS 1/c World War II.
 4. Ernest Gordon, Jr. Teacher and outstanding ath-
lete
- d. Lester Gordon, B.S. & M.A. Degrees
Supt. of Escatawpa School, Jackson, Miss.
- m. Edna Brown
One daughter
- e. Louie Gordon
- b. 1904
- d. 1936. Teacher. Killed by lightning July 10, 1936.
- f. Mary Ellen Gordon
- m. Clinton Chesnut
Two children. One daughter and one son.
- g. Clifton Gordon
- b. 1910
- d. 1946
- m. Irene Jones—no children

Children and Descendants of Govin Gordon and Wife Sarah

- h. Oscar J. Gordon, Jr. World War II U.S.N. BM 1/c
m. Inez Kirby
Three sons, one daughter
Member Newton Co., Miss. School Board, Little Rock,
Miss.
- i. Eva Mae Gordon
m. Monroe Kirby
One son, 3 daughters
- j. Chalmers Gordon, teacher. Served in Army World War
II USN.
m. Doris Herring
4 children
- k. Jack L. Gordon. Served in Army World War II USN,
1st Lt.
m. Doris Mosley and has four children.
- l. Connie Gordon died in infancy.

6. Lula Gordon died in childhood.

“Eli Gordon, son of Govin Gordon, Jr. and wife Mary, served in the “War between the States” in Captain M. Carleton’s Company A of the 5th regiment of Mississippi State Troops. Born in the state of Alabama, age 45 years, 5 feet, 8 inches high, fair complexion. Gray eyes, dark hair; occupation, Farmer, was enlisted by M. Carleton at Decatur, Miss. 27 day of July 1862 to serve one year is now entitled to a discharge by reason of being disabled 17 July 1863.

Eli Gordon prisoner of war in Virtue of the capitulation of the City of Vicksburg and its garrison by Lieut. Gen. John C. Pemberton C. S. A. Commanding July 4, 1863.”

- e. Andrew Gordon
 - b. 1823
 - d. 1896
- m. Mary Kimbal
 - b. July 1832
 - d. 1914

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1. Andrew Gordon, Jr.
 - m. and had children
 - a. Garland Gordon
 - m. had children
 - Two girls
 - Son Horace Gordon, noted musician
 - b. Carl Gordon never married
 - Civil Service work in Washington, D. C.
 - c. Mabel Gordon
 - m. ----- Ezell
 - d. Virgil Gordon
 - Andrew Gordon, Jr. had several other girls.
2. Tim Gordon
 - m. and had children
 - a. Perry Gordon
 - m. Miss Taylor
 - Now deceased. Wife lives in Union, Miss.
 - Several children
 - b. Govin Gordon
 - m. Miss Germany
 - Minister Church of God. Now deceased
 - No children
3. Jeff Gordon
 - married and had children
 - a. Amos Gordon
 - m. Miss Harper
 - Two children
 - b. Tom Gordon
 - m. Miss Lee
 - A daughter
 - c. Curtis Gordon lost his life in World War II, Army 1942. Never married.

Several girls in the family of Jeff Gordon
Rev. Gordon Sansing, State Secretary of Baptist Convention of Miss. is grandson of Tim Gordon. Union, Newton Co., Miss. is a Gordon center.

- f. Elizabeth Gordon
 - b. 1830

Children and Descendants of Govin Gordon and Wife Sarah

GORDON REUNION

The annual Gordon reunion was held at Greenland Baptist Church, Beat 2, Newton County, Miss., Monday, July 4, 1961.

The morning was spent in handshaking, fellowship and communion.

After a sumptuous dinner spread picnic style under the spreading oaks, the meeting was called to order by Rex Gordon, President. The following program was given.

- 1. Invocation Rex Gordon
- 2. Singing by all, Luther Gordon leader
Mrs. Rex Gordon at piano
- 3. Purpose of the reunion Wallace Gordon
- 4. Gordon History E. O. Gordon
- 5. Tribute to Mrs. Susie Gordon Nelson and a number of
teachers who have qualified through the years from
Greenland Mrs. E. R. Chaney
- 6. Old School Days at Greenland...Mrs. Nellie Gordon Beeman
- 7. Tall Stories about Gordons Benton Gordon
- 8. The Spirit of the Gordon Reunion James V. Gordon
- 9. Talks: O. J. Gordon, Luther Gordon, Mrs. Maude B. Smith,
William T. Winstead
- 10. Business Session: All present officers were elected for the
coming year. The date of the annual Gordon reunion was
changed from the fourth of July each year to the second
Sunday in June of each year.
- 11. Prizes were awarded to Gener Jones and William Thomas
Winstead for being the oldest "young" men present.
- 12. Meeting adjourned to assemble at Greenland Baptist Church
June 10, 1962.

- 2. Andrew Gordon, son of Govin Gordon, Sr.
b. Union Dist., S. C.

Witnessed date 1805 a deed of sale of land in Newberry and Union Districts, S. C. to Burwell Chick of Newberry District, S. C. Deed made by Govin Gordon and his wife, Sarah, recorded in Union Dist., S. C.

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Andrew Gordon was made executor of the will of his father, Govin Gordon, Sr., date July 16, 1814. Probated Dec. 14, 1815, Jones Co., Ga.

No other records of Andrew Gordon have been found.

3. Rebecca Gordon

b. Union Dist., S. C.

m. ----- Noland

4. Ruthy Gordon

b. Union Dist., S. C.

m. William Gary in S. C.

Moved to Greene Co., Ala.

Deed Book B, P. 183, William Gary and wife, Ruthy, deeded land to John Ray, Greene Co., Ala., July 1, 1826. Probably moving to Newton Co., Miss.

a. Sarah Gary

U.S. Census, Newton Co., Miss., 1840, P. 137

Wm. Gary—1 male 5 to 10, 1 male 10 to 15

1 male 15 to 20, 1 male 50 to 60 yrs.

1 female 5 to 10, 1 female 15 to 20

1 female 40 to 50

Jas. H. Gary—2 males under 5 yrs.

1 male 20 to 30

1 female 20 to 30 yrs.

5. Violet Gordon

b. Union District, S. C.

d. before 1852, Greene Co., Ala.

m. Scott Chandler in S. C.

b. 1780, Va., U.S. Census 1850, Greene Co., Ala.

Deed made by Scott Chandler and wife, Violet, in Greene Co., Ala.

Scott Chandler Administration papers File No. 662, Greene Co., Ala. Adm. Bond Nov. 13, 1852. James Chandler Admr. Final settlement, June 15, 1854

Distribution—Jane, wife of Benton Seale.

Sarah A., wife of Hugh McCrory

Jeremiah Chandler

James Chandler

Children and Descendants of Govin Gordon and Wife Sarah

Bailey George Chandler, heirs, viz: Minors:

Thomas Scott Chandler

Mary Ann Chandler

George Ann Chandler

a. Jane Chandler

b. 1808, S. C.

m. Dec. 21, 1830, Benton Seale

b. 1803, Ga.

M. Book B, page 8, Greene Co., Ala.

1. Sarah Seale

b. 1834, Ala.

2. Pernecia Seale

b. 1836, Ala.

3. Laura L. Seale

b. 1838, Ala.

4. Caroline Seale

b. 1840, Ala.

5. Washington Seale

b. 1842, Ala.

6. Rachel Seale

b. 1844, Ala.

7. Andrew J. Seale

b. 1845, Ala.

8. Jarvis A. Seale

b. 1847, Ala.

Served in War between the States. Pvt. in Capt. M. M. Mays Co., Greene Co., Ala. Militia, Mar. 31, 1862. Muster Roll dated Greenville, Ala. Mar. 31, 1862, Hospital Register No. 6352, 3rd Ala. Res. Jarvis Seale, Pvt., Co. H, 3rd Ala. Res. Date admitted Mar. 22, 1865, returned to duty, Mar. 25, 1865. Authority Hospital Register of Gen. Hospital, Selma, Ala.

b. Sarah A. Chandler

b. 1812, S. C.

m. Feb. 18, 1830, Hugh M. McCrory

b. 1807, N. C.

M. Book A, page 207, Greene Co., Ala.

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1. Louisa McCrory
b. 1832, Ala.
 2. James McCrory
b. 1833, Ala.
 3. Newton G. McCrory
b. 1838, Ala.
m. Dec. 22, 1859, Amanda C. Holston
M. Book C-1, P. 28, Greene Co., Ala.
Newton G. McCrory served in War between the States, Pvt. Co. H, 36th Ala. Infantry Regt. Greene Co., Ala.
Muster Roll, Mt. Vernon Arsenal, Ala., May 13, 1862
 4. Marion McCrory (son)
b. 1842, Ala.
Seale and McCrory names and dates of births above taken from U.S. Census, 1850, Greene Co., Ala.
 - c. Jeremiah Chandler
m. 1835, Samantha Seale, Book 102, Greene Co., Ala.
 - d. Bailey George Chandler
b. 1817, Ala.
d. Before 1852
m. July 6, 1845, Sarah Ann McCrory
b. 1827, Ala.
M. Book B, P. 313, Greene Co., Ala.
 1. Thomas Chandler
b. 1846, Ala.
 2. Mary Chandler
b. 1847, Ala.
 3. George Ann Chandler
b. Between 1850 and 1852, Ala.
- Bailey George Chandler's widow, Mrs. Sarah A. Chandler
m. 2nd Dec. 31, 1857, John R. Black
M. Book C-1, p. 221, Greene Co., Ala.

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- e. James Chandler
 - b. 1820, Ala., 1850 U.S. Census, Greene Co., Ala.
Served in War between the States, Pvt. Co. D, 1st Ala.
Regt. Cert. No. 11090. Jan. 18, 1864, Cert. dated Nov.
12, 1863.
Authority—List claimed 1863-64 del. to Ala. Agt. by
order Sect'y C.S.T. Jan. 16, 1864 on App. of Col. W. H.
Fowler.
 - m. Sept. 4, 1841, Malinda Wilson
 - b. 1824, Ala.
M. Book B, P. 283, Greene Co., Ala.
 - 1. Samantha Chandler
 - b. 1842, Ala.
 - 2. Sarah Chandler
 - b. 1844, Ala.
 - 3. Margaret Chandler
 - b. 1846, Ala.
 - Above names and dates of birth, U.S. Census
1850, Greene Co., Ala.
- 6. Hannah Gordon
 - b. Union Dist., S. C.
 - m. Dec. 24, 1811, Jones Co., Ga.—John Dumas
Marriage bond recorded Jones Co., Ga. Bondsmen John
Dumas, Obediah Dumas. Hannah Gordon Dumas evidently
died before 1826 when John Dumas married again Mar. 12,
1826, Matilda Culp or Kolb, illegible
Marriage bond recorded Jones Co., Ga.
- 7. James Gordon, youngest son of Govin Gordon, Sr. and his
wife, Sarah, was one of the administrators of his father's will,
and inherited his father's land in Jones Co., Ga.

CHILDREN AND THEIR DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE GORDON AND WIFE ELIZABETH

Continued from Part I, page 49

1. John Gordon, Sr.

b. Nov. 9, 1780, Newberry Dist., S. C.

d. 1807, Kentucky

m. 1802, Mary Miller in Ky.

b. about 1784, Edgefield Dist., S. C.

d. Soon after 1828, Amite Co., Miss. Parents: James Miller, Sr. See Part III, p.

b.

d. Dec. 27, 1827, Amite Co., Miss.

His wife, Lydia

b. 1758

d. April 18, 1838

Buried Miller Cemetery, Copiah Co., Miss.

Their Children

a. Sarah Gordon

b. John Gordon, Jr.

a. Sarah Gordon

b. 1803, Ky.

d.

m. Oct. 19, 1820, James E. Parker

M. recorded in Amite Co., Miss.

Shared in the estate of her grandfather, George Gordon as heir of her father, John Gordon, Sr. date 1835, St. Helena Parish, La. See Part I, p. 48. Also shared in the estate of her uncle Wm. S. Gordon, date 1861, in St. Helena Parish, La. See Part II, pp. 241-242.

Children

1. Leroy Parker

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2. Mary Parker

b.

d.

m. Mr. Black

b. John Gordon, Jr.

b. 1805 in Ky.

d. Copiah Co., Miss.—1873

m. Nov. 25, 1824, Mary Holden, Amite Co., Miss.

Their Children:

1. William Holden Gordon

2. Sarah Savena Gordon

3. Mary Elizabeth Gordon

4. Thomas Demarcus Gordon

5. John LaFayette Gordon

6. Margaret Dorinda Gordon

7. Charles Montraville Gordon

8. Emily Madeline Gordon

9. Kathleen Letitia Gordon

10. James Judson Gordon

11. Eudora Caroline Gordon

12. Eugenia Arabella Gordon

John Gordon, Jr., son of John Gordon, Sr. and his wife, Mary Miller Gordon, was born Oct. 20, 1805 in Kentucky. His father died in 1807 in Kentucky and his mother, Mary Miller Gordon, went with her two children, Sarah Gordon, age four years, and John Gordon, Jr. age two years, to Amite County, Mississippi, to live with her parents, James Miller and his wife, Lydia. She never married again and lived until her two children were grown and married. She shared in the estate of her father, James Miller, 1828, in Amite Co., Miss. and died soon after. See Will of James Miller, Part III, pp. 273-274.

John Gordon, Jr. grew to manhood with his Miller grandparents and his mother and his sister Sarah Gordon and near his Gordon grandparents, George Gordon and his wife, Elizabeth, who lived near and just over the Miss.-La. State line in St. Helena Parish, La.

He received his education from learned teachers who taught in the home.

At the age of nineteen years he was married to Mary Holden,

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daughter of Thomas Holden, Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth Flanagan Holden of Amite Co., Miss. M. Book 2 B, P. 117, Amite Co., Miss. Nov. 25, 1824. His grandfather, George Gordon, died in St. Helena Parish, La. 1832 and he and his sister Sarah shared in his grandfather's estate as heirs of their father John Gordon, Sr. deceased. See Part I, P. 48 for George Gordon's estate papers.

The Gordons and Holdens and Millers were Baptists and belonged to a little Baptist Church near Gillsburg, Miss. and near the Miss.-La. state line called Jerusalem Baptist Church.¹ The church is still standing in a wonderful state of preservation with the same old bell and same old pews. It was turned over to the negroes about 1940.

John Gordon, Jr. and his wife, Mary Holden Gordon, were members of this church where John Gordon, Jr., Dec. 25, 1844, was ordained deacon and took an active part in the work of the church. He served as treasurer and was appointed alternate and delegate 1843 and 1848 to Baptist Associational meetings which he attended.

The church had very strict rules for the members to live by. Difficulties between them were reported to the church and committees were appointed to investigate them. If the members refused to comply with the authorities they were excluded from the church. They were also excluded for drunkenness, profanity and dancing.

"Men and women of color" were taken into the church.

In June 1849, John Gordon and wife, Mary Gordon, were given a letter of dismissal from the church. They had sold their land in Amite Co., Miss., (April 28, 1846, Book 6, P. 675, Conveyance Book I, Amite Co., Miss.) and were moving to Copiah Co., Miss.

It was this year of 1849 that Mary Holden Gordon's father, Thomas Holden, died in Natchitoches Parish, La. and she is named as one of the heirs in the settlement of his estate, recorded in Natchitoches Parish, La., date Sept. 27, 1849. See Part III, pages 276-277.

John Gordon, Jr. purchased land near Allen, Miss. in Copiah Co., Miss. Deeds recorded Copiah Co., Miss. dates 1851 and 1854. John Gordon, Jr.'s uncle, Aaron Miller, brother of his mother, had

¹Information of Jerusalem Baptist Church taken from the Minutes of the Church, dates 1812-1866. The Church Book is the property of Mrs. Alva McEwen, 331 Missouri Ave., McComb, Miss. Transcription by Albert E. Casey through the courtesy of Mrs. McEwen, Aug. 25, 1947. "Amite County, Miss." Casey & Otken, Vol. II, pp. 56-76.

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formerly moved to Copiah Co., Miss. and it was probably to be near him that he moved with his family there.

Aaron Miller was a large landowner in Copiah Co., Miss., having entered patents from U. S. Government, 1824-1836. See Part III, pages 275-276 for Aaron Miller land grants. He also owned a wayside inn and built a slave gallery in the Baptist Church one mile north of Hazlehurst, Miss., where he worshipped. He had many slaves and said that he wanted them to hear as good sermons as he heard. The church is still standing in good condition and is in use by members of that section.

John Gordon, Jr., like his forebears, had followed the life of a planter. The chief crop on his plantation was cotton on which the south held a monopoly. It was the raw material that fed the looms and workers of Great Britain's second industry and was France's hope for prosperity. And these were the days when cotton was King and a planter was a Prince. This, we were told, caused jealousy among the Northerners and helped to bring on the War between the States.

New Orleans was one of the nearest shipping points for the cotton of Mississippi, and the planters made regular trips there each year to see their creditors. They often took their young sons with them and it was not an unusual sight to see the small boys down among the knees of their fathers who wore broadcloth suits, silk beaver hats, high stock and collar, and from their pockets hung the gold chains with fobs of their watches.

We can be quite sure that John Gordon, Jr.'s sons had their turn in making the trip with their father on the steamboat down the Mississippi River for their first glimpse of the Big City, there to make acquaintance with sons of other planters, some of whom they would never see again, and others they were to join later in combat on the battle fields in the Confederate armies.

Life on the plantation was a busy one and followed the social pattern of the day. Mary Holden Gordon, the mother, was the busiest of all. She carried the keys and in the early morning measured the food from the storeroom that was to be cooked for the day, and not only managed the household servants but took care of all the servants as well. Many nights she could be found in their quarters doctoring the sick among them. With mothering her own

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children also, she was always dressed in the neatest fashion, ready to meet and greet the many guests that were given a warm welcome by her.

Teachers from the best colleges taught the children in the home, and the sons and daughters had their duties along with their studies. The girls did dainty handwork, tatting, crochet and embroidery and knitting, hemmed napkins and aprons and helped when needed with sewing on buttons and mending. The sons had their duties and responsibilities.

Each daughter had a maid to keep her room and clothes and arrange her hair. Each son had a valet to press his clothes, saddle and keep his horse, and go with him on trips.

There were social distinctions among the servants. The ones who worked at the house felt themselves better than those who worked in the fields.

John Gordon, Jr. shared in the estate of his Uncle William Stark Gordon of St. Helena Parish, La., who died in 1861. See Estate papers of Wm. S. Gordon, Part II, pp. 241-242.

William S. Gordon was a man of considerable means and he and his wife, Elizabeth Day Gordon, had no children of their own. He had been a father to his orphaned nephews and nieces, and a great help to his widowed sisters, and it was no doubt in appreciation of his Uncle William's kindness and affection shown him, that John Gordon, Jr. named his oldest son William for his Uncle William S. Gordon.

For many years life was happy and ran smoothly on the plantation, but now in 1861 when controversy between the northern and southern states over the rights of the states that had its beginning when the union was formed and could not be settled otherwise, resulted in the War between the States.

John Gordon, Jr.'s sons joined the Confederate armies to fight for these rights and as the battles raged through the four long years, Mary Holden Gordon, the mother, succumbed to the strain.

As the war continued, the Federal armies with their matches and torches were burning the Southern cities and homes, and although Jackson, Mississippi nearby was set in flames and during the siege of Vicksburg, all of the homes for many miles around were burned, John Gordon, Jr.'s home escaped destruction.

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In the long years of reconstruction that followed when the carpet-baggers of the north ruled over the south taking their cotton and imposing heavy taxes on their property, and many southern homes were sold for the taxes, John Gordon, Jr. managed to pay his taxes and save his home and land. When reconstruction days had ended the children had all married and gone from the home. Many of the servants were loyal and remained, while others of them drifted away.

John Gordon, Jr. married a second time and had a daughter who lived out her long life at the plantation. In her widowhood she sold tracts of the land in the lean years to help with her expenses, and in her last years deeded the home and the remaining acres to a couple for her care and upkeep for the rest of her life. Deeds recorded at Copiah Co., Miss. courthouse.

One hundred and ten years have passed since John Gordon, Jr. and his wife, Mary Holden Gordon, and their children settled at the old Gordon homeplace near Allen, Mississippi, and now in retrospect as we look upon the scene—

No more the coachman with the carriage waits at the steps to take the ladies on social calls, or arrives with guests who are escorted by chivalrous sons to the door to be welcomed by hoop-skirted daughters inside.

No more the long table in the dining room with the family seated around in their places, where the horn of plenty hangs high and gentle voices mingled with laughter gladden the familiar scene. No longer the servants in their quarters singing in the moonlight, and how they sang! They were often brought to the house in the evenings to entertain the guests with their songs.

The tall pillared house has long ago burned, and a road that leads from Hazlehurst to Natchez winds its way past a neat cottage that sits in its place. In the fields the cotton and corn still wave in the breezes in season, and in a fence corner near the house a lone crepe myrtle bush that is said to have been planted by Mary Holden Gordon, bursts its bright blooms in the summer's sun and wars with the wind and sleet in the chill of the winter's cold, symbolizing the unsurpassed beauty and valor of a way of life long gone, is seeming to be waiting and beckoning them all back to the home.

John Gordon, Jr. and his wife, Mary Holden Gordon, are buried

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side by side in the cemetery of the Old Providence Baptist Church in Copiah County, Mississippi. The church has been moved. The cemetery is near the roadside and is about three miles from the site of the old Gordon home near Allen, Mississippi.

The tombstone is a double one and bears the following inscription:

FATHER	MOTHER
EMBLEM OF HOLY BIBLE	EMBLEM OF CLASPED HANDS
John Gordon	Mary Gordon
Born 1805	Born April 29, 1809
Died	Died
July 10, 1873	Dec. 7, 1864

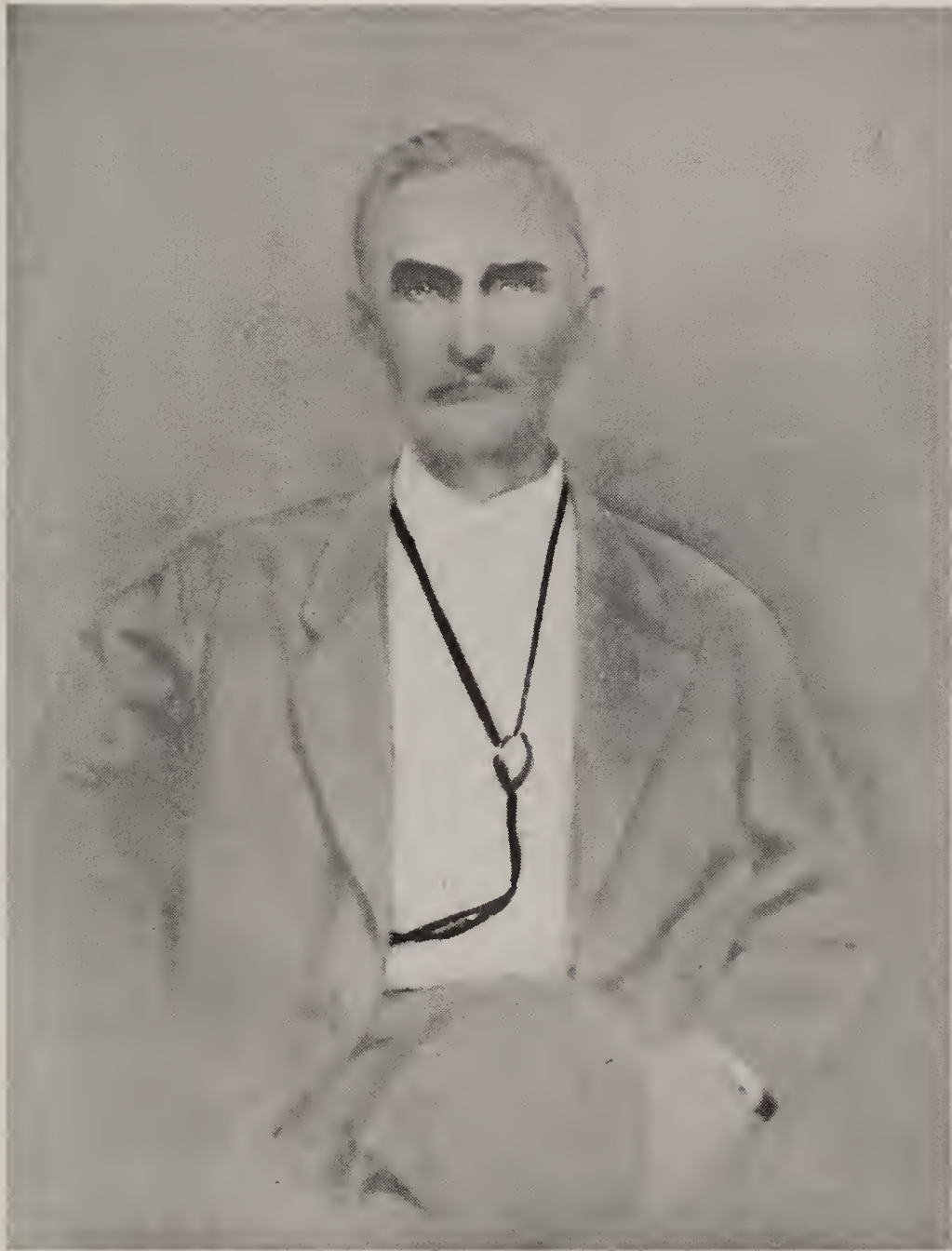
*"Sleep on Father and Mother
Thy work is done
Jesus has come and borne thee home."*

1. William Holden Gordon, farmer
 - b. Sept. 8, 1825, Amite Co., Miss.
 - d. Nov. 11, 1895, Austin, Texas
 - Buried, Elgin, Texas
 - m. Dec. 1, 1847, Rebecca Adline Martin
 - b. July 1, 1825, Copiah Co., Miss.
 - d. Oct. 12, 1889, Taylor, Texas
 - Daughter of Wm. Martin and Nancy Adams Martin.
 - The Martin homestead was on the Homochito River in Copiah Co., Miss.
 - The Adams were from South Carolina.

William Holden Gordon served in the Confederate Army in the War between the States, C. B. Mormon's Brigade. In 1872 he moved to Elgin, Texas with his family.

Their children

- a. John Holden Gordon
 - b. Oct. 20, 1848, Miss.
 - d. Dec. 25, 1882, Gauze, Texas
 - m. Prairie Lee Billingsley
 - b. _____ in Texas
 - d. San Antonio, Texas at the age of 92 years
1. Fannye Gordon
 - b.



WILLIAM HOLDEN GORDON



MAJOR GENERAL THOMAS S. BISHOP

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- m. William M. Morgan
 - a. Helen Morgan
 - b.
 - m. Colonel Carl Graybeal
 - No children
 - b. Zula Ruth Morgan
 - b.
 - m. Bruce Veasey
 - 1. Helene Veasey
 - b.
 - m. Douglas Farrell
 - (a) Ellen Lee Farrell
 - b.
 - (b) a son Farrell
 - b. June 11, 1957
- 2. William Emmett Gordon
 - b.
 - d. April 9, 1939, San Antonio, Texas
 - m. 1st Emily Myrick
 - No children
 - m. 2nd Caroline Swan
 - a. William Emmett Gordon, Jr.
 - b. Oct. 26, 1915
 - m. April 30, 1938, Florence Coy
 - b. Dec. 10, 1917
 - 1. Carolyn Elizabeth Gordon
 - b. Mar. 11, 1939
 - 2. William Emmett Gordon, III
 - b. Nov. 14, 1942
 - b. Kenneth Lee Gordon
 - b.
 - Captain in Air Force in 1958, McChord Air Force Base Washington.
 - Major in Air Force in California 1961. Served in World War II in Air Force European Theater. Stationed in England.
 - m. Catharine

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- b. Sarah Evaline Gordon
 - b. Oct. 8, 1850, Miss.
 - d. April, 1914, Austin, Texas, buried Elgin, Texas
 - m. Edward Dewey Durfee
- c. Rebecca Adams Gordon
 - b. Oct. 4, 1853, Copiah Co., Miss.
 - d. May 29, 1922, Houston, Texas, buried Elgin, Texas
 - m. Feb. 5, 1879, James Graham Sams
 - b. Mar. 29, 1839, Beaufort, S. C.
 - d. Oct. 27, 1911, Burdette Wells, Texas, buried Elgin, Texas
- 1. Julian Graham Sams
 - b. Aug. 13, 1882, Elgin, Texas
 - d. Feb. 25, 1899, Houston, Texas, buried Elgin, Texas
- 2. Evalyn Rebecca Sams
 - b. June 25, 1886, Burnet, Texas
 - d. Mar. 15, 1959, San Antonio, Texas

Evalyn Rebecca Sams was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, being a Real Daughter.

- m. June 5, 1910, Thomas Sumpter Bishop
 - a. Margaret Elisabeth Bishop
 - b. Mar. 22, 1911, Burdette Wells, Texas
 - m. 1st Aug. 23, 1933, James Erskine Orme
 - 1. Carole Elisabeth Orme
 - b. Sept. 15, 1934, Houston, Texas
 - m. Sept. 25, 1954, Raymond Eugene Buffer
 - a. Roy Michael Buffer
 - b. Aug. 12, 1955, Cincinnati, Ohio
 - m. 2nd. Nov. 11, 1939, Roy Eugene Jones, San Antonio, Texas
 - d. July 12, 1955
- 2. Julienne Margaret Jones
 - b. Jan. 13, 1942, San Antonio, Texas
 - m. July 15, 1960, William K. Ewing, III

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- b. Evalyn Gordon Bishop
 - b. June 18, 1912, Houston, Texas
 - m. June 25, 1947, Alec Kleiman
 - 1. John Reeve Kleiman
 - b. Mar. 13, 1948, San Angelo, Texas
 - 2. Richard Thomas Kleiman
 - b. July 5, 1949, San Antonio, Texas
- c. Florence Letitia Bishop
 - b. July 26, 1914, Houston, Texas
 - m. Feb. 28, 1948, Paul Dornbluth
 - 1. Carole Florence Dornbluth
 - b. Nov. 9, 1951, San Antonio, Texas
- d. Thomas Sams Bishop
 - b. Jan. 12, 1919, Houston, Texas
 - m. 1st. Feb. 19, 1938, Sara Charlotte Pittman
 - d. Dec. 11, 1954
 - m. 2nd. Mar. 17, 1956, Betty Marie Chute
 - 1. Betsy Ann Bishop
 - b. Dec. 19, 1958, Austin, Texas
 - 2. Eva Ruth Bishop
 - b. Nov. 29, 1960

Thomas Sams Bishop served in World War II.

On Sept. 2, 1960 Col. Thomas S. Bishop was promoted by Gov. Price Daniel to brigadier general and became Assistant Adjutant General of Texas. For the past twelve years he had served as Chief of Staff of the 36th Infantry Division. Feb. 1, 1961, the Texas Legislature confirmed the appointment of Brigadier General Thomas S. Bishop as assistant adjutant general of Texas.

For biography of Brigadier General Thomas S. Bishop see following pages.

- d. Arthur Gordon
 - b. Mar. 2, 1869, Miss.
 - d. July 19, 1882. Elgin, Texas

Brigadier General Thomas S. Bishop, Assistant Adjutant General of Texas, was born Jan. 12, 1919 in Houston, Texas and moved to San Antonio, Texas with his parents where he was graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School, June, 1935.

Dec. 13, 1934 enlisted in Company F (later Company C) Texas

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National Guard. Rose to grade of Sergeant Nov. 1940, and was inducted into Federal Service with 36th Infantry Division and appointed 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry and assigned for duty in Company C 141st Infantry.

Promoted to 1st Lieutenant June 1941 and was graduated from Command and General Staff School 1943 as Captain. In 1943 transferred to 99th Infantry Division, his duties being primarily in the field of organization and training.

Acting as Operating and Plans officer of 99th Division departed the United States Sept. 20, 1944 aboard the liner Queen Mary en-route to European Theatre of Operations which was transporting Prime Minister Churchill of England back to the United Kingdom after a war conference with President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Arrived in France Oct. 1944, moved directly into combat along the Belgium-Germany border in area known as Ardennes Forest where combat actions occurred daily.

Dec. 15, 1944 in battle with Germany popularly known as the "Battle of the Bulge." General Bishop was assistant operations officer for the 99th Division at this time, and as this huge offensive battle erupted from Monschan south to Luxembourg, the brunt of the attack was borne by the 99th Division occupying defensive positions east of and along the Eisenborn Ridge. By the second day of the "Bulge" the German Army had to by-pass critical Eisenborn Ridge to the south and thus was created a vast gap in the Allied Armies' positions through which passed thousands of German soldiers and armor.

The struggle was intense and the situation confused, therefore it became necessary on the 18th of December to establish command and operations facilities very near the battle positions as communications facilities could not be maintained. Major Bishop, with a small group, moved into the Village of Eisenborn on the crest of the Eisenborn Ridge and established an advanced command post from which a great part of the Bulge Battle along the north shoulder of the German penetration was controlled.

Major Bishop was decorated with the Bronze Star for his part of this operation and the citation accompanying this decoration reads in part "He formed an advanced operations action and dur-

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ing the period 18 Dec. 1944 to 2 Jan. 1945 he occupied the Division Advance Command Post in Eisenborn, Belgium. This location was under constant observation and shelling by the enemy."

In January 1945 the German Army suffered one of its most staggering and final defeats.

A grateful Belgium Government awarded the entire 99th Division their Fourragere decoration as a symbol of their gratitude for the heroic, determined and successful defense of their homeland. Gen. Bishop is authorized to wear this decoration as an individual decoration.

Feb. 1945 General Bishop participated in the drive to the Rhine River where shortly after the capture of the intact Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen he moved over that bridge into the Remagen Bridgehead and participated in the attacks to expand the Bridgehead area. He helped plan the breakout attack from the Remagen Bridgehead and the 99th Div. participated in the drive that formed the south pincer against the Ruhr industrial area. It was during this attack that Gen. Bishop narrowly escaped death or capture. For this incident he was again decorated with the Bronze Star Medal, this time for valor. This citation reads in part "Major Thomas S. Bishop was ordered to go to the Command Post of the 7th Armored Division to get some information pertaining to the movement of an Infantry Regiment. Accompanied by his driver, Private John F. Bird, Major Bishop selected a route which he believed to be clear of enemy. After entering Steindorf, Germany, they came upon a heavily guarded roadblock. Major Bishop dismounted from his vehicle and motioned to the German N C O and infantrymen upon the bluff above the roadblock to come down or surrender. In the meantime he directed Private Bird to get ready to make a dash across a perfectly level open field. At this point Major Bishop's calm attitude so dismayed the German N C O that the latter withheld his fire until Major Bishop had reconnoitered, instructed Private Bird what to do and remounted. As the jeep drove off the enemy opened fire with rifles and automatic weapons. Two shots went through the windshield and a third disabled the motor but the momentum carried the vehicle to within about forty yards of the Lahn River. Jumping from the jeep, Major Bishop and Private Bird

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ran to the river under intense small arms fire and swam to a small island in the middle. Both crawled to the north edge of the island and returned the enemy fire. After resting a few minutes Major Bishop swam to the north bank of the Lahn River and covered with fire the movements of Private Bird who got about one third of the way across the river when the enemy again opened fire with automatic weapons. Private Bird called out "I can't make it Major" and went under. In spite of the intense enemy fire and being almost exhausted himself, Major Bishop went back into the Lahn River, fully clothed, and rescued Private Bird from drowning, by swimming and carrying Private Bird to the north bank. This heroic action by Major Bishop and his complete disregard for his personal safety in order to save the life of a fellow soldier while under enemy fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service."

The cessation of hostilities against Germany May 1945 found Gen. Bishop moving eastward with the 99th Division toward Czechoslovakia. From middle May to middle September the 99th Div. performed occupation duties in the Wurzburg area, during which time he was the Operations and Plans Officer directing the initial efforts toward rehabilitation of the Meinfranken area.

He was promoted to Lt. Colonel June 1, 1945 and returned to the United States at the close of World War II. Was separated from active service at Fort Sam Houston, Jan. 1946.

In Dec. 1946 the 36th Infantry Division was reactivated as a part of the Texas National Guard, and Gen. Bishop was called upon to be its first post World War II operations and training officer. In Sept. 1948 he moved to Austin, Texas to become the Senior Staff Assistant to the Commanding General 36th Div., a position he held at the time of his appointment as Assistant Adjutant General of Texas by Gov. Price Daniel.

Decorations and Awards: Bronze Star w/v Device; O L C to Bronze Star; French Croix De Guerre w/Star; Belgian Fourragere; World War II Victory Medal; American Defense Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal w/3 Service Stars; Texas Service Medal; Texas Faithful Service Medal w/4 Cactus Leaves, and the Texas Meritorious Service Medal.

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Brigadier General Thomas S. Bishop,¹ the former assistant adjutant general of Texas, was appointed Adjutant General of Texas by Gov. Price Daniel of Texas, Dec. 22, 1961.

Mar. 16th 1962 Governor Price Daniel of Texas announced that Adjutant General Thomas S. Bishop had been promoted to Major General by the National Guard Bureau.

2. Sarah Savena Gordon

b. June 2, 1827, Amite Co., Miss.

d. Apr. 20, 1887, Copiah Co., Miss.

m. 1st June 18, 1842, William B. Wall, Baptist Minister

b. June 4, 1809, Spartanburg, S.C.

d. June 1856

a. Eudora Wall, died in infancy

b. Sarah E. Wall (Sadie)

b. Nov. 9, 1848—never married. Died in home of her half-sister, Mrs. J. T. Covington at the age of about 87 years.

m. 2nd Mar. 23, 1862, Frank M. Rembert

c. Leita Rembert

b. 1868, Copiah Co., Miss.

d. Summit, Miss.

m. Theodore J. Covington

1. Frances Marion Covington

m. 1927, Howard Edmondson
No children

2. Edward Gordon Covington

Banker, merchant, Summit, Miss.

m. Aug. 21, 1922 Mazie Willis

a. Leita Rembert Covington

b. 1923

b. Edward Gordon Covington, Jr.

b. 1926

c. Frances Buford Covington

b. 1930

¹Major General Thomas Sams Bishop's great grandfather William Holden Gordon was a confederate soldier from Mississippi. His grandfather James Graham Sams was a confederate soldier from Beaufort Co., S. C.

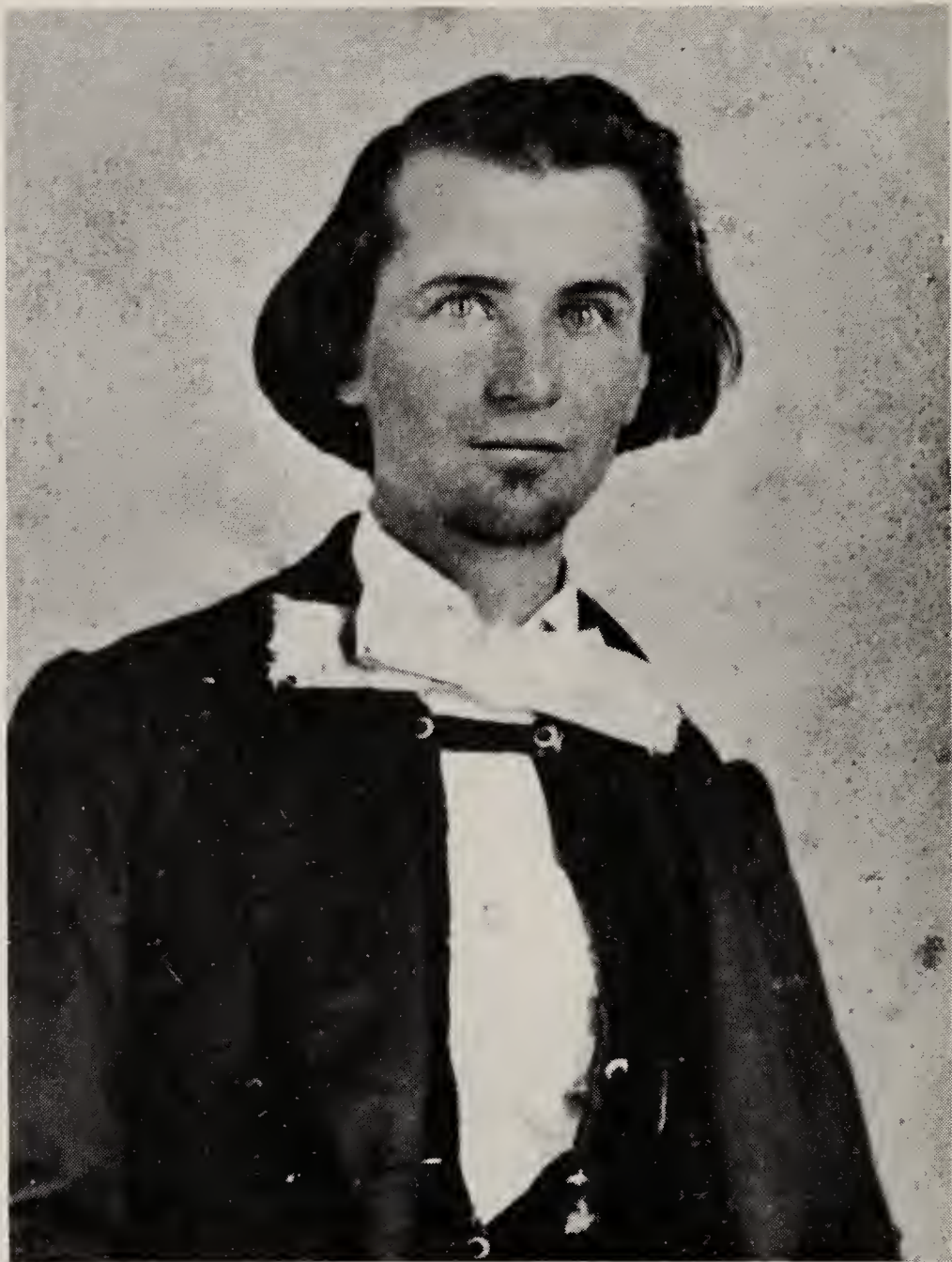
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- d. Lutie Rembert
 - m. Joseph Storm
 - 1. Rembert Storm
 - b. 1893
 - Married and had no children.
 - 3. Mary Elizabeth Gordon
 - b. June 19, 1829, Amite Co., Miss.
 - d. Young
 - m. July 31, 1845, Elijah B. Wall
 - b. 1826, Amite Co., Miss.
- Their children:
- a. Mary Wall
 - b. 1846, Amite Co., Miss.
 - d. Infancy
 - b. Sarah Wall
 - b. 1847, Amite Co., Miss.
 - d. Infancy
 - c. Daughter
 - b. 1849, Amite Co., Miss.
 - d. Infancy
4. Thomas Demarcus Gordon, M.D.
 - b. Dec. 31, 1831, Amite Co., Miss.
 - d. Dec. 31, 1862
 - m. Lydia Herring, Franklin Co., Miss., June 28, 1855
 - Marriage Records, Franklin Co., Miss.
- Practiced medicine Floyd, La. Served in Confederate Army Dec. 11, 1861 to Dec. 31, 1862, Company E, 3rd Battalion Miss. Infantry. Killed in the Battle of Murfreesboro, Tenn. Ref. National Archives & Records, Washington, D.C.
- a. Lorena Gordon
 - m. William Newton Terry
 - 1. Gordon Terry
 - m. Miss Stampley
 - a. William Terry
 - b. Doris Terry
 - 2. Katie Terry
 - b. 1878
 - m. Ed R. Mardis



THOMAS DEMARCUS GORDON

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JOHN LA FAYETTE GORDON
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Lives in the Mardis home on the Natchez Trace, Jefferson Co., Miss.

a. Allen Mardis

Lives with his mother, farming & cattle raising.

m. Eugenia Alridge

1. Ed Mardis, Jr.

Farming & stockraising, Jefferson Co., Miss.

m. Ramona Madison

2 children

2. Jean Mardis

3. Allene Mardis

Freshman at Miss. College, Clinton, Miss. Won merit scholarship in High School.

3. Thomas Terry

m. Theresa Penault

4. Rena Terry

m. T. M. Foster

a. Lorena Foster

m. Poole Noel

1. Rena Terry Noel

2. Dick Noel

5. Effie Terry

m. Ernest Graves

5 sons

6. William (Bill) Terry

b. Thomas Gordon, Jr.

d. Unmarried

5. John LaFayette Gordon

b. Aug. 28, 1833, Amite Co., Miss.

d. 1860

m. Laura Bobo

No children

Fayette Gordon, as he was called, was a favorite in the home. He was a dandy dresser and his courtly manners were representative of the chivalry of the Old South.

His death was the first to break the family circle, and was a great grief to them all.

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The following story which tells of one of his droll sayings when a small child, was often told.

The Gordons were especially fond of rice. Their forebears were from South Carolina where it was one of the chief crops, and it was served frequently on their table.

When Fayette was a few years old, a distinguished guest was having dinner with the family and the small children were permitted to eat at the table with them on the occasion. As the rice was being passed by the maid, little Fayette was watching closely the dish, fearing that none would be left when it reached him, and seeing the guest take a rather generous helping, anxiously exclaimed "What a big rice!" much to the embarrassment of the family and guest.

6. Margaret Dorinda Gordon

b. Oct. 9, 1836, Amite Co., Miss.

d. 1870 Rodney, Jefferson Co., Miss.

m. Aug. 10, 1854, John C. Casey

b. 1830, Miss. Son of John Casey, Sr. and wife, Miss Mims.

M. Book C., p. 285 Copiah Co., Miss.

U. S. Census 1870 Jefferson Co., Miss.

July 26, 1870, Post Office Rodney¹

John C. Casey Age 40 merchant b. Miss.

Willie E. Casey Age 11 b. Miss.

Mary E. Casey Age 6 b. Miss.

John W. Casey Age 3 b. Miss.

Maggie Casey Age 1/12 b. Miss.

Charles M. Gordon² Age 32 b. Miss.

Mary Gordon³ Age 32 b. Miss.

a. Cora Casey

b. 1855

d. Infancy

b. Carrie Casey

b. 1857

d. Infancy

¹Rodney, Mississippi was a thriving river town and steamboat landing, but in 1870 the Mississippi River moved over in its bed five miles and left it. It is now a ghost town with only a few inhabitants.

²Brother of Margaret Dorinda Gordon

³Charles M. Gordon's wife

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- c. Willie E. Casey
 - b. 1859, Miss.
 - Served in Spanish American War. Died in service. Never married.
- d. Eugenia (Jennie) Casey
 - b. 1862, Miss.
 - d. Infancy
- e. Mary (May) E. Casey
 - b. 1864, Caseyville, Miss. Copiah Co.
 - d. July 23, 1927, Hazlehurst, Miss.
 - m. Jan. 18, 1883, John Calhoun White
 - 1. Maggie May White
 - b. Dec. 1, 1884, Hazlehurst, Miss.
 - d. July 25, 1951, Jackson, Miss.
 - m. April 4, 1902, William Collar Stowell
 - b. Nov. 29, 1880, Chicago, Ill.
 - d. Dec. 24, 1941, Jackson, Miss.
 - a. Jane Haven Stowell
 - b. Sept. 5, 1905, Chicago, Ill.
 - m. Oct. 16, 1926, Sanford Hamner Newell, Sr.
 - b. June 1, 1898, Camp Hill, Ala.
 - d. Aug. 17, 1954, Jackson, Miss.
 - 1. Jane Ellen Newell
 - b. Dec. 19, 1927, Jackson, Miss.
 - m. Aug. 4, 1951, Richard Wick Nalf, M.D.
 - b. Oct. 8, 1927, Jackson, Miss.
 - a. Linda Nalf
 - b. Sept. 1, 1953, Philadelphia, Pa.
 - b. Lorie Nalf
 - b. Dec. 30, 1954, Philadelphia, Pa.
 - c. Lisa Nalf
 - b. May 17, 1957, Philadelphia, Pa.
 - 2. Sanford Hamner Newell, Jr. PhD.
 - b. Nov. 2, 1929, Jackson, Miss.
 - Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss. B.A. University of N. C., Chapel Hill, N.C. M.A. and PhD.

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Head of Modern Language Dept. of Converse College, Spartanburg, S.C.

m. Oct. 8, 1950, Ceress Rebecca Hyland

b. Aug. 5, 1928, Vicksburg, Miss.

a. Rebecca Babb Newell

b. Nov. 20, 1951

b. Sanford Hamner Newell, III

b. Oct. 11, 1954

c. John Leigh Hyland Newell

b. Jan. 11, 1957

3. Norma Newell

b. Feb. 24, 1934, Jackson, Miss.

m. July 14, 1956, John Henry Price, Jr., attorney

b. Dec. 14, 1923, Indianola, Miss.

a. Dianne Price

b. May 27, 1958

b. William Collar Stowell, Jr.

b. Feb. 20, 1911, Marseilles, Ill.

c. Nellie May Stowell

b. Oct. 16, 1913

d. Mary Ellen Stowell

b. June 10, 1916, Hazlehurst, Miss.

m. Jan. 12, 1939, Clifton Glenwood Lamb

1. Mary Rebecca Lamb

b. Feb. 12, 1940, Greenwood, Miss.

2. William Glenwood Lamb

b. Jan. 29, 1943

3. Clifton Glenwood Lamb, Jr.

b. Jan. 30, 1947

4. Herbert Lowery Lamb

b. May 1, 1950

e. Helen Abbott Stowell

b. Nov. 9, 1917, Hazlehurst, Miss.

m. 1946 William Robert Campbell

d. 1956

1. Martha Jane Campbell

b. Oct. 26, 1947, Houston, Texas

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f. John Calhoun Stowell

b. Feb. 8, 1918, Hazlehurst, Miss.

d. Oct. 20, 1957, Hazlehurst, Miss.

m. Grace Alyne Love, 1942

1. John Calhoun Stowell, Jr.

Age 13 years in 1957

2. Richard Cecil Stowell

Age 12 years in 1957

3. David Love Stowell

Age 5 years in 1957

4. Michael Stowell

Age 4 years in 1957

2. John Calhoun White, Jr., M.D.

b.

m.

No children

3. Claude Cecil White

f. John W. Casey

b. 1867

Married and had children, moved to North Carolina.

g. Maggie Casey

b. 1870, Rodney, Jefferson Co., Miss.

d. Jan. 3, 1950, San Antonio, Texas

m. Jan. 14, 1891, Morgan Alexander Perrenot

Maggie Casey Perrenot was a talented artist, painting in both oils and water colors. She painted both landscapes and portraits but mostly landscapes.

Charles Perrenot, her son of San Antonio, Texas, has many of her paintings done from 1888 through the years. The last one was done in 1944.

She regarded her "Turkey" picture as her best, painted in early 1900s. It was an early fall landscape, 36 inches high by 22 inches wide, with a good sense of mood; portrayed three turkeys in alert positions. Many like her winter scene "Deer at Dusk" with a background of melting snow. She taught private pupils during her young years.

1. Charles Francis Perrenot

b. Feb. 3, 1894

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Served briefly in World War I, private in Army.

m. June 15, 1931, Marie Nordmeyer

b. April 5, 1906

No children

2. Orion Morgan Perrenot

3. Margaret Perrenot

m. Julius I. Blucher

a. Charles Morgan Blucher

b. June 11, 1930

B.A. and M.A. in Education, Southwestern State College, San Marcos, Texas

Teaching school.

Served in Korean War in America. Corporal in Army

m. Judy McLelland

b. Richard Owen Blucher

b. Feb. 21, 1932

Attended University of Houston, Texas.

Served in Korean War in Mediterranean and in America. Sgt. in Marines.

m. Peggy Gerfers

c. Alice Marie Blucher

b. June 19, 1938

B.A. Sam Houston Teachers College, Huntsville, Texas.

Teaching school.

4. Maurice Arthur Perrenot

7. Charles Montraville Gordon

b. Jan. 25, 1838, Amite Co., Miss.

Baptist minister

Graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., 1860. In war between the states, served in Army of Northern Virginia, transferred 1863 to 36th Miss. Regiment, made chaplain. (Family records and National Archives & Records Service, Washington, D.C.)

m. 1st Mar. 14, 1865, Sarah E. Wise. (M. Book D, p. 431, Copiah Co., Miss.)

2 children died in infancy.



CHARLES MONTRAVILLE GORDON



EMILY MADELINE GORDON LINDSEY

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After death of first wife,

m. 2nd Aug. 19, 1868, Mary A. Taylor (M. Book E, p. 285, Copiah Co., Miss.)

b. 1838, d. June 12, 1872.

The following letter was written by Charles M. Gordon after his wife, Mary Taylor's death, to his brother James Judson Gordon of Fayette, Miss.:

Hazlehurst, Miss.

June 15, 1872

Dear Brother:

I received your letter on the 14th. I had begun to think that you had not received mine.

Mary died on the 12th. She had been very nearly well but we knew not how false were all our hopes. She came down here on the 7th to spend a few days to be near Dr. Buckley but grew worse and died very suddenly. None of us were expecting it.

I am very lonely, discouraged and lifeless.

I will be glad if you will bring Bob¹ to Pa's¹. I don't know how to get him any other way.

I am not well but able to go about.

Your brother

C. M. Gordon

Reverend Charles M. Gordon served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Natchez, Miss., and as President of Meridian Female Baptist College, Meridian, Miss. following the War between the States.

m. 3rd Oct. 30, 1873, Ida Inge of Natchez, Miss. (M. Book 1, p. 17, Adams Co., Miss.)

Their son Charles died unmarried.

Reverend Charles M. Gordon met with a tragic death which was caused by the explosion of a coal oil lamp.

8. Emily Madeline Gordon

b. Oct. 7, 1841, Amite Co., Miss.

d. Dec. 7, 1885, Longview, Texas

b. Greenwood Cemetery, Longview, Texas

¹Bob was Robert McCormick, son of Kathleen Gordon McCormick and her husband, Dougald McCormick. Pa was father of Kathleen Gordon McCormick and C. M. Gordon, who was living at Gordon home near Allen, Miss.

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m. Feb. 12, 1862, Jefferson Co., Miss. Henry Carter Lindsey
b. 1825, Fulton Co., Ky.

d. Feb. 1883, Jefferson Co., Miss.

Buried Owen Cemetery, Owen Farm near Fayette, Miss.

Parents: Nevil Lindsey, father

Elizabeth _____, mother

b. 1800

d. 1872, Aug. 28

Buried Owen Cemetery, Owen Farm, near Fayette, Miss.

The earrings that Emily Gordon Lindsey is wearing in her picture were among her pieces of jewelry that she buried when the northern armies came through Mississippi burning homes and plundering during the War between the States.

The long pendants of the earrings have been removed, and clips have been added as the earrings were worn in pierced ears. The earrings are now being worn by the daughters of the descendants of Emily Gordon Lindsey at their weddings.

Seven children:

a. Henry Carter Lindsey, Jr.

b. Nov. 26, 1864

d. Aug. 31, 1865

b. Mary Elizabeth (Mollie) Lindsey

b. July 29, 1866

d. April 24, 1936, Wichita Falls, Texas

m. Nov. 14, 1886, Pleasant Desha Cocke

d. Feb. 5, 1910 at age of about 60 years, Longview, Texas

Pleasant Desha Cocke attended Jefferson Military College, Washington, Miss.

1. Pleasant Desha Cocke, Jr.

b. Oct. 31, 1889, Longview, Texas

d. In infancy

2. Clarence Valentine Kilgore Cocke

b. Jan. 16, 1894, Longview, Texas

Enlisted World War I, Mar. 10, 1918, Wichita Falls, Texas, 36th Engineers Corps, Grant, Ill. Went with American Expeditionary Forces to France as casuals. Landed at Brest. Departed from Brest July 7, 1919.

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Reached N. Y. July 13, 1919. Discharged at Mitchell Field July 22, 1919.

Enlisted as private, promoted to sergeant Mar. 1919. Returned home in Casual Co., No. 1105 While on leave at Nice, France, was quartered in the former home of Queen Victoria.

Prior to war engaged in clerical work for railroad. Later in cotton business at Lubbock, Texas and Natchitoches, La.

m. Dec. 25, 1923, Annis Campbell

b. Oct. 3, 1895, Henrietta, Texas

Parents: J. J. Campbell and Annis Campbell

(a) Marian Cocke (twin)

b. May 24, 1925, Wichita Falls, Texas

Degree from Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La.

m. Aug. 22, 1959, Donald T. Toups

(b) Jacqueline Cocke (twin)

b. May 24, 1925, Wichita Falls, Texas

Degree from Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La.

(c) Claire Cocke

b. Sept. 21, 1927

Degree from Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La.

3. Kathleen Hazel Cocke

b. May 26, 1896, Longview, Texas

Attended Kidd Key College for Girls, Sherman, Texas.

Music student

m. May 25, 1922, Thomas Springer Masterson

b. Aug. 30, 1897

Parents: Thomas Masterson, father

b. Aug. 1, 1858, Iroquois, Ill.

Elizabeth Ann Springer, mother

b. Mar. 22, 1861, Stanford, Ill.

m. Nov. 7, 1889

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- (a) Patricia Jo Masterson
 - b. Jan. 2, 1930, Smithville, Texas
 - Graduated Hockaday Junior College for Girls, Dallas, Texas, June, 1949
 - m. June 7, 1952, Sterling Raymond Reese
 - Military Service:
 - United States Marine Corps
 - Corporal—Served in Korea
 - Enlisted Kansas City, Dec. 27, 1950
 - Mustered out San Diego, May 10, 1952
 - 1. Kathleen Jo Reese
 - b. April 21, 1953
 - 2. Jeffrey David Reese
 - b. July 11, 1956
- (b) Charles Barclay Masterson
 - b. June 2, 1937, Dallas, Texas
 - Southern Methodist University, 1958, B.B.A. Bachelor Business Administration, major in accounting. Now in Iran
 - m. June 23, 1961, Elizabeth Ann Farley of Muleshoe, Tex.
 - Parents: Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Farley, Muleshoe
 - Graduate Texas Woman's Univ., Denton, Texas
 - Living in Iran
- 4. Richard Rivers Cocke
 - b. Sept. 21, 1898, Longview, Texas
 - d. Sept. 27, 1938, Wichita Falls, Texas
 - m. Burch Murphy, Wichita Falls, Texas
 - (a) Richard Rivers Cocke, Jr.
 - b. July 8, 1926, Wichita Falls, Texas
 - Attended Texas A & M—Received Certified Public Accountant's Certificate Jan. 23, 1950
 - Served in U. S. Navy from August, 1944 to August, 1946
 - m. Aug. 2, 1946, Anna Mary Miller
 - b. Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 18, 1921
 - Parents: Peter Miller, Barbara Miller

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

1. Joanne Cocke
b. Aug. 28, 1951
2. Deborah Cocke
b. June 8, 1955
- (b) Carolyn Faire Cocke
b. Nov. 12, 1928, Wichita Falls, Texas
Attended T.S.C.W. (Now T W U) Denton,
Texas
m. March 26, 1948, Earl H. Michie
b. April 9, 1923, Childress, Texas
Parents: T. B. Michie, Lalie Michie
Served in Marines during World War II
1. Sharon Michie
b. May 12, 1950
2. Marilyn Michie
b. Dec. 4, 1956
3. Earl H. Michie, Jr.
b. Sept. 6, 1960
5. Durham Lindsey Cocke
World War II Sgt. Sea Bees
b. May 21, 1901, Longview, Texas
d.
m. Pauline Ferrell, Gainesville, Texas
(a) Virginia Durham Cocke
b. Sept. 13, 1922
m.
(b) Mary Helen Cocke
b.
m.
6. Josephine Cocke
b. July 1, 1908, Longview, Texas
- c. Minnie Madeline Lindsey
b. June 11, 1868, Jefferson Co., Miss.
d. June 10, 1930, Longview, Texas, buried Grace Hill Ceme-
tery, Longview, Texas
m. 1st. Jeremiah Elijah (Jerre) Northcutt, Longview, Texas
b. Acworth, Cobb Co., Ga., Feb. 29, 1860.

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d. Hartley, Texas, buried Greenwood Cemetery, Longview, Texas

Parents: Father: William George Northcutt

b. Sept. 17, 1837, Cobb Co., Ga.

d. June 9, 1909, Longview, Texas, buried Greenwood Cemetery, Longview, Texas

Mother: Julia Ann Moore

b. Jan. 15, 1836

d. Dec. 24, 1876, Longview, Texas. Buried Greenwood Cemetery, Longview, Texas

Jeremiah Elijah Northcutt attended Texas A & M College—
Was graduated from Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie,
N. Y.

1. Garrone S. Northcutt

b. Longview, Texas

Attended University of Texas—engaged in advertising
work, newspaper, radio & T V

m. Clara Lee Graham

b. Mineola, Texas

d. July 1932, Dallas, Texas

Parents: Louis Robert Graham and Ella Sparkman
Graham

(a) Evelyn Northcutt

b. Oct. 20, 1914, Mineola, Texas

Valedictorian Class 1932, Mineola High School;
attended Southern Methodist University, Dal-
las, Texas and Texas State College for Women,
Denton, Texas

m. Dec. 7, 1946, Frank Walsh Hustmyre, attor-
ney of Orange, Tex. Served as County Judge of
Orange County, and District Judge, Orange.
Served in Navy in World War II.

No children

(b) Erminie Northcutt

b. Mar. 23, 1916, Mineola, Texas

Was graduated from Kilgore Junior College,
Kilgore, Texas and attended Univ. of Denver,
Denver, Colo.

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m. Allen B. Gaston in 1942.

b. Nov. 19, 1919, Birmingham, Ala.

Parents: Earl A. Gaston and Elizabeth Wiser Gaston

Entered service at Barksdale Air Force Base, Shreveport, La. Received his wings at Columbus, Miss. in 1942. Served in Africa and Pacific Theatre of War in World War II. Following World War II was military Aide and Assistant Executive to Sec. of Air Force Symington. In 1951 assigned to Gen. Eisenhower's executive staff at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, in France. Promoted to Colonel in 1955. At present (1961) Col. Gaston is Liaison Officer for the U. S. Air Force at the American Embassy, Paris, France.

Col. Gaston is a graduate of Kilgore Junior College, Kilgore, Texas and of the Univ. of Denver, Denver, Colo., where he received a degree in political and economic geography. He is also a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff School and of the B-47 School.

He is the holder of the following decorations: Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Middle East Theatre Campaign Ribbon with four battle stars, Pacific Theatre Campaign Ribbon with four battle stars, and the Distinguished Unit Citation with an oak leaf cluster.

No children

(c) Robert Graham Northcutt

b. July 8, 1917, Mineola, Texas

Attended University of Texas. Owner of Robert G. Northcutt Insurance Agency, Dallas, Texas

m. Dec. 28, 1946, Peggy Trickey

b. Abilene, Texas

Graduate of Texas State College for Women at Denton, Texas.

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1. Nancy Graham Northcutt
b. May 18, 1949, Dallas, Texas
2. Peggy Roberts Northcutt
b. Aug. 16, 1950, Dallas, Texas
3. Melissa Ann Northcutt
b. April 15, 1954, Dallas, Texas
- (d) Jerre Everett Northcutt
b. Dec. 2, 1923, Longview, Texas
d. Sept. 5, 1942, Orange, Texas
Buried Greenwood Cemetery, Longview, Texas
- (e) Ann Northcutt
b. July 23, 1926, Dallas, Texas
Was graduated from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, Kappa Kappa Gamma Social Sorority.
m. Feb. 8, 1948, Richard Harding Ferguson, M.D.
b.
Parents: Dan Ferguson and _____
Dr. Ferguson graduate of University of Texas, Austin, Texas; University of Texas Medical College, Galveston, Texas; interned at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.; in residence at Mayo Bros., Rochester, Minn. for three years. Served in Army Medical Corps Hospital in Wiesbaden, Germany for four years, during war and following War (II). In 1960 and 1961 with Mayo Bros. in Rochester, Minn.
 1. Douglas Graham Ferguson
b. Dec. 13, 1956, Germany
2. Erminie Northcutt
b. Longview, Texas
Attended Baylor University, Waco, Texas
- m. Baldwin Daniel Marshall
b. Clinton, Miss.
Attended Massey's Business College, Houston, Texas

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

Parents: B. D. Marshall, Sr.

b. Oct. 15, 1828, Ga.

d. Oct. 1, 1889, Longview, Texas

Buried Longview, Texas

Rachel Kathryn (Kate) Charlton Marshall

b. Sept. 21, 1843, Clinton, Miss.

d. June 4, 1923, Longview, Texas

b. Greenwood Cemetery, Longview, Texas

(a) Kathreen Charlton Marshall

b. June 3, 1919, Longview, Texas

Schools: Arlington Hall Junior College for Girls, Washington, D. C., Baylor University, Waco, Texas; pupil of Senora Blanca Renard, concert pianist; Centenary College, Shreveport, La.

m. Mar. 19, 1954, Oliver George Brown

b. Aug. 3, 1915, Denver, Colorado

B.A. degree, Pomona College, Pomona, Calif.

Parents: George Albert Brown, Elizabeth Chase Sutton Brown, Long Beach, Calif.

3. Berenice Northcutt

b. Longview, Texas

Attended Baylor University, Waco, Texas, Feature and Society writer for Longview Daily News and Longview Lens; Director of Finances for First Baptist Church, Longview; Historian First Baptist Church, Longview; Charter Member of William Young Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution, Longview; Historian of Wm. Young Chapter DAR, Longview.

d. April 29, 1961, Longview, Texas

Buried Greenwood Cemetery, Longview, Texas

4. Camille Northcutt

b. Hartley, Texas

B.A. Degree Woman's College, Richmond, Va., which school is now a part of the University of Richmond. Night Law School, Centenary College, Shreveport, La.

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c. Minnie Madeline Lindsey (See p. 193.)

m. 2nd, Oct. 22, 1907, Byron Wilford Van Allen

b. Feb. 21, 1874, Watertown, N. Y.

d. Sept. 23, 1917, Longview

Buried Grace Hill Cemetery, Longview, Texas

Merchant, Longview, Texas

1. Geraldine Van Allen

b. Oct. 30, 1908, Longview, Texas

Attended Howard College, Birmingham, Ala.; University of Texas, Austin, Texas

m. July 23, 1931, Claude E. Barbee in First Baptist Church, Longview, Texas

b. April 22, 1905, Tyler, Texas

Merchant and ranch owner, Longview, Texas

Parents: R. E. Barbee and Josie Byrum Barbee

(a) Emily Gordon Barbee

b. Sept. 24, 1933, Longview, Texas

B.A. Degree Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 1954

m. Dec. 29, 1955, Wm. B. Shelton, Jr., M.D.

b. Feb. 23, 1934, Mart, Texas

Graduate Baylor University, Waco; Graduate University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas, 1958. Interned at University of Oklahoma Hospital, Oklahoma City; 2 years residence at University of Okla. Hospital in Pediatrics—1959-1961. Now (1961) practicing. Waco, Texas

Parents: Wm. Barrington Shelton, Sr. and Ruth Evans Shelton, Mart, Texas

1. Elizabeth Kathleen Shelton

b. Oct. 17, 1957, Dallas, Texas

2. Emily Gordon Shelton

b. Nov. 13, 1960, Oklahoma City, Okla.

(b) Claudia Kathleen Barbee

b. Dec. 13, 1940

Attended Baylor University, Waco; Student at

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

University of Missouri, '60-'61, Columbia, Mo.;
candidate for B.S. degree in accounting, 1962
Pi Beta Phi social sorority, Univ. of Mo.

2. Minnie Madeline Van Allen

b. Sept. 5, 1911, Longview, Texas

Attended Baylor University, Waco, 1930-32, University
of Rochester, Rochester, N. Y.

m. Jan. 16, 1935, Cloyd Russell Wallace, Longview, Tex.

b. Dec. 19, 1903, Webb City, Mo.

B.A. and M.A. Degrees from University of Mis-
souri; Assistant Division Manager Geophysical
Division, Producing Department, Texaco

Parents: William M. Wallace and Emma Duke
Wallace

(a) Diane Wallace

b. Nov. 11, 1937, Los Angeles, Calif.

Attended University of Texas, Austin; Degree
B.S. from University of Missouri—in Education
—1960. Pi Beta Phi Sorority

(b) Madeline Wallace

b. April 29, 1942, Casper, Wyoming

Freshman at University of Missouri, Columbus,
Mo. 1960-61. Sophomore 1961-62. Pi Beta Phi
Social Sorority

d. Thomas Rivers Lindsey

b. Nov. 14, 1870, Jefferson Co., Miss.

d. May 22, 1920, Dallas, Texas. Never married.

Buried Greenwood Cemetery, Longview, Texas. He was
known for his charity, and his devotion and generosity to
his family was one of the fine features of his character.

e. Dougald Lindsey

b. June 11, 1872

d.

f. Kathleen Gordon Lindsey

b. June 20, 1877, Mississippi

d. 1895, Longview, Texas

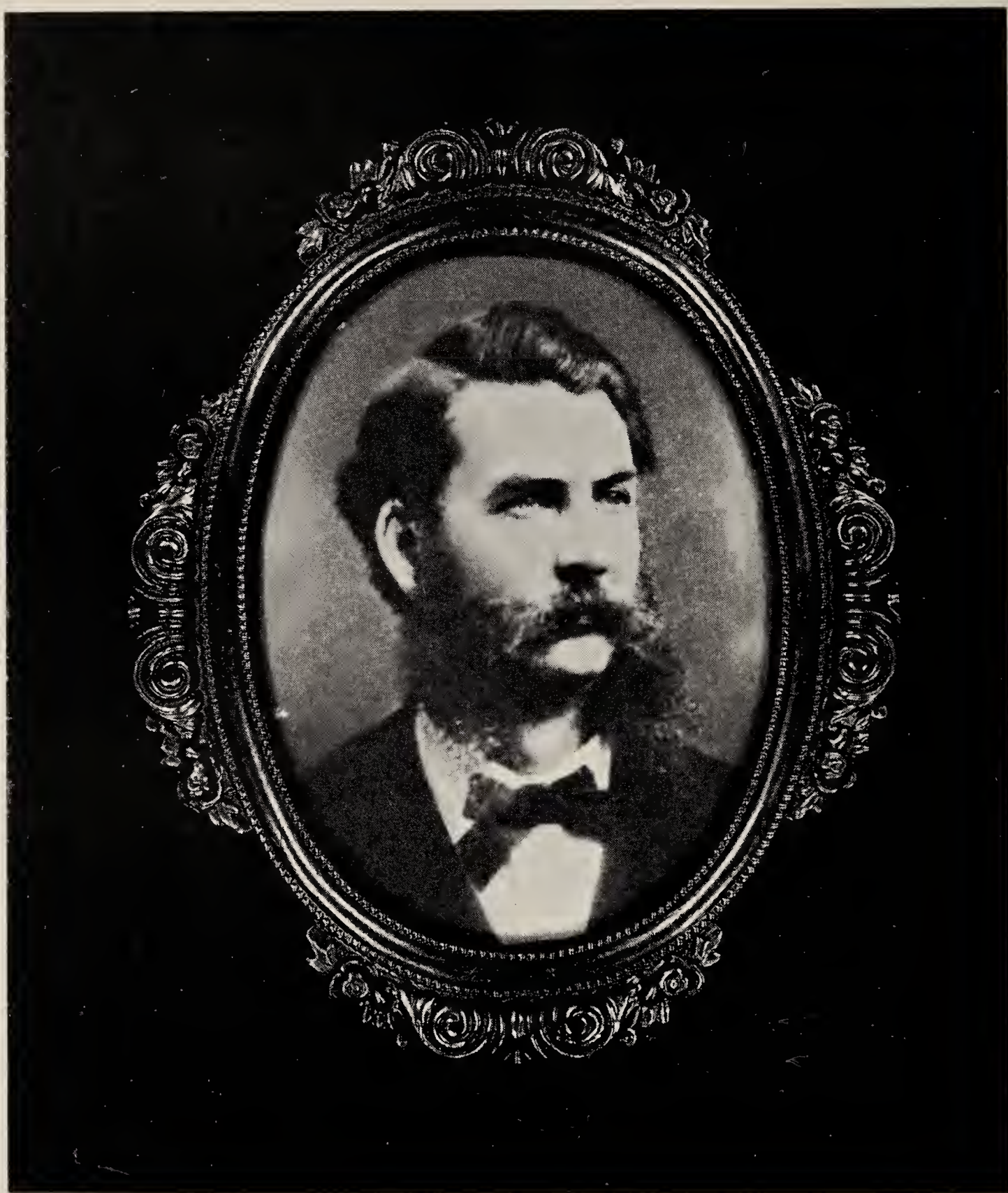
Buried Greenwood Cemetery, Longview, Texas

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- g. John Nevil Lindsey
 - b. Nov. 9, 1882, Miss.
 - m. 1st. Florence Fay Penn, Aug. 8, 1901, Wichita Falls, Texas
 - b. Jan. 2, 1882, Memphis, Tennessee
 - d. Sept. 6, 1958, Wichita Falls, Texas
 - 1. Ralph Horace Lindsey
 - b. April 16, 1907, Wichita Falls, Texas
 - d. April 28, 1948, California
 - m. 1st. Dolly Dunn, March, 1925
 - (a) Peggy Jane Lindsey
 - b. Jan. 6, 1926, Wichita Falls, Texas
 - m. June 26, 1947, Herbert Elbert McIntyre
 - b.
 - 1. Michael Lane McIntyre
 - b. June 26, 1951
 - m. 2nd May 15, 1932, Ora Horner
 - (b) Ralph Horace Lindsey, Jr.
 - b. March 19, 1935
 - Graduate Howard Payne Junior College, Brownwood, Texas
 - g. John Nevil Lindsey
 - m. 2nd April 18, 1959, Mrs. Nina Barwise DeMere
- 9. Kathleen Letitia Gordon
 - b. Feb. 23, 1843, Amite Co., Miss.
 - d. Oct. 17, 1876, Jefferson Co., Miss.
 - m. Oct. 12, 1859, Dougald McCormick, M. Book D, p. 44, Copiah Co., Miss.
 - b. Nov. 26, 1829
 - d. July 5, 1884
 - Merchant and farmer in Jefferson Co., Miss. Their home in Fayette, Miss., is still standing, 1961. A large house with a steep roof in the center of a lot that covers a whole block. The place is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nunnally, and the front of the house is now changed to the original back of the house.



KATHLEEN LETITIA GORDON MCCORMICK



JAMES JUDSON GORDON

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

The picture of Kathleen Letitia Gordon McCormick was taken when she was sixteen years old. She was married and the locket she was wearing contained the picture of her husband, Dougald McCormick. When she was married to Dougald McCormick, her father, John Gordon, gave them several slaves but they freed them as many of the people of the South were doing. They cared for them, however, by furnishing them homes and giving them work for which they paid them.

Their Children:

a. Robert Franklin McCormick; b. Dougald LaFayette McCormick; c. Iona Kathleen McCormick; d. Annie Zula McCormick; e. John Gordon McCormick; f. Joseph Hugh McCormick; g. William Washington McCormick.

a. Robert Franklin McCormick

b. Dec. 13, 1864

d. Dec. 10, 1907

m. Jan. 19, 1897, Sude Galbreath

1. Kathleen McCormick

b. July 28, 1898, New Orleans, La.

m. Mar., 1918, Charles Winchester

(a) Helen Marie Winchester

b. April 14, 1919

2. Robert McCormick

b. Nov. 19, 1899, Baton Rouge, La.

married -----

No children

3. John McCormick

b. Feb. 1, 1902, Baton Rouge, La.

married -----

No children

4. Elsie McCormick

b. May 17, 1904, Galveston, Texas

5. Margaret McCormick

b. Jan. 26, 1907, Baton Rouge, La.

b. Dougald LaFayette McCormick

b.

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- c. Iona Kathleen McCormick
 - b. Jan. 20, 1866
 - d. May 29, 1956, Hammond, La.
 - m. May 3, 1893, Addis Compton Beck, Son of Dr. Beck of Rodney, Miss.

Their Children:

- 1. Annie Virginia Beck
 - b. Feb. 15, 1894, Rodney, Jefferson Co., Miss.
 - m. Aug. 25, 1911, Harry Allen Bennett
 - b. Dec. 31, 1889, New Orleans, La.
 - d. Oct. 16, 1954
 - Parents: Joseph Campbell Bennett, Blanche Remacle
 - a. Helen Virginia Bennett
 - b. July 11, 1912, Slidell, La.
 - m. Aug. 13, 1935, James Daniel Jones
 - b. Jan. 22, 1897, New Orleans, La.
 - Parents: Edward J. Jones, Amelis Conners
 - 1. James Daniel Jones, Jr.
 - b. July 15, 1940
 - b. Mildred Iona Bennett
 - b. Aug. 6, 1914, Slidell, La.
 - c. Harry Allen Bennett, Jr.
 - b. July 13, 1916, Slidell, La.
 - World War II—175 Signal Repair Co.
 - Staff Sergeant—European Theatre Jan. 1942 to Dec. 1945. In Battle of Bulge.
 - d. Mary Elizabeth Bennett
 - b. Oct. 16, 1920, Slidell, La.
 - m. July, 1937, Emile Francis Alline
 - b. Nov. 27, 1918, New Orleans, La.
 - Parents: Lorus Alline, Grace Basile
 - 1. Emile Francis Alline, Jr.
 - b. Mar. 14, 1939
 - 2. Jerilyn Mary Alline
 - b. Oct. 24, 1943
 - 3. Denise Ann Alline
 - b. Jan. 7, 1958

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2. Iona Kathleen Beck
 - b. 1895
 - d. Aug. 12, 1919
 - m. Dec. 27, 1914, Walter McKean
 - a. Iona Elizabeth McKean
 - b. July 25, 1916
 - b. Marjorie Kathleen McKean
 - b. Oct. 12, 1917
3. James Norris Beck, Sr.
 - b. Feb. 26, 1898, Rodney, Jefferson Co., Miss.
 - m. Sept. 22, 1922, Mary Irene Vinyard
 - b. Feb. 10, 1904, Slidell, La.
 - Parents: Alfred Lee and Mary Louise Vinyard
 - James Norris Beck, Sr. served in World War I
 - Enlisted April 26, 1917, served until May 1, 1919
 - Supply Co. 141 Field Artillery, U. S. Army
 - a. James Norris Beck, Jr.
 - b. May 10, 1924, Pearl River, La.
 - d. May 5, 1959
 - Served in World War II, Marine Corps, Pvt. 1st Class, qualified Rifle Marksman
 - Sea and Foreign, Mar. 30, 1942 to June 5, 1944, Mar. 13, 1945 to Nov. 9, 1945. Served at Territory Hawaii and Midway Islands. Discharged Jan. 19, 1946.
 - m. June 26, 1944, Mary Bertha Sanchez
 - b. Jan. 18, 1925, Mauraph, La.
 - Parents: Louis and Alice Sanchez
 1. Edward James Beck
 - b. Oct. 25, 1946
 2. Margaret Ann Beck
 - b. Aug. 28, 1948
 3. Dorothy Jean Beck
 - b. April 12, 1954
 - b. Gloria Kathleen Beck
 - b. April 13, 1926, Pearl River, La.
 - m. June 27, 1945, Wilmer Washington Elick
 - b. Oct. 17, 1919, Sugar Grove, Ohio
 - Parents: Amos Francis & Mary Edith Elick

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1. Nancy Lynn Elick
b. Sept. 23, 1946
2. Carol Edith Elick
b. Nov. 5, 1948
4. Coralie Beck
b. April 15, 1900, Rodney, Miss.
m. Aug. 20, 1921, Walter Henderson Bolling
b. Aug. 20, 1890, Staunton, Va.
Parents: Stuart Bolling & Lucy Henderson Bolling
U.S. Army Signal Corps, Sgt. 1st Class June 1917 to May, 1920. World War I
a. Walter Henderson Bolling, Jr.
b. Sept. 13, 1923, Patterson, La. World War II:
U.S. Army Air Corps P F C Dec. 1942-April 1946
m. Sept. 7, 1946, Gracie Mae Bourgeois
b. May 18, 1922, Gonzales, La.
Parents: Armond Bourgeois & Marie Gautreau
1. Walter Stewart Bolling
b. Dec. 21, 1947
2. Richard Henderson Bolling
b. Dec. 5, 1953
3. Patricia Elise Bolling
b. May 20, 1958
b. Elise Bolling
b. July 23, 1927, Baton Rouge, La.
m. April 17, 1947, Joseph Triche Mollere
b. Mar. 17, 1926, Baton Rouge, La.
Parents: Phillip Jules Mollere & Denise Triche
5. Addis Compton Beck
b. Jan. 14, 1903
d. July 27, 1921
6. Jewel Storm Beck
b. April 7, 1905, Slidell, La.
m. Sept. 22, 1928, Pauline Helen Granger
b. Sept. 10, 1909, New Orleans, La.
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. George John Granger, Sr.

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- a. Carolyn Iona Beck
 - b. Oct. 24, 1929, Baton Rouge, La.
Louisiana State Univ. 1946-1948
 - m. Dec. 29, 1948, Joseph Newton LaBorde
 - b. July 14, 1927, Shreveport, La.
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gaston LaBorde
 - 1. David Michael LaBorde
 - b. Dec. 1, 1952
 - 2. Mark Glenn LaBorde
 - b. May 16, 1955
 - 3. Kirk Lee LaBorde
 - b. Jan. 25, 1957
- b. Jewel Mae Beck
 - b. Nov. 12, 1934, Baton Rouge, La.
Louisiana State Univ. B. S. 1956, Education. Taught school four years.
 - m. April 27, 1957, Allen Huey LeBlanc
 - b. Dec. 2, 1931, Baton Rouge, La.
B.S. Physical Education, 1959.
M.S. 1960
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anthony LeBlanc
 - 1. Stacye Reneé LeBlanc
 - b. Feb. 25, 1959
- c. George Addis Beck
 - b. Dec. 16, 1945
- d. Annie Zula McCormick
 - b. Feb. 16, 1868
 - d. Winnsboro, La.
 - m. June 27, 1903, Joseph Storm, Merchant, St. Francisville, La.
and Winnsboro, La.
No children
- e. John Gordon McCormick
 - b. Aug. 12, 1870
Successful farmer, Mangham, La.
 - m. Jan. 13, 1895, Laura Hardesty
 - 1. Kathleen McCormick
 - b. Jan. 21, 1908
 - m. Jan. 16, 1926, John Atwell Baskin

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- a. John Atwell Baskin, Jr.
 - b. Oct. 16, 1928
- f. Joseph Hugh McCormick
 - b. Oct. 18, 1872 Union Church, Miss.
 - d. April 5, 1939, Swartz, La.
 - m. Jan. 20, 1897, Fannie Estelle Garrett
 - b. Nov. 21, 1878
 - d. May 29, 1929, Swartz, La.
 - Parents: Isaac Newton Garrett & Eveline Buckley Garrett
- 9 children:
 - 1. Dougald McCormick
 - b. Jan. 13, 1898, Union Church, Miss. d. Feb. 1960
 - m. 1923, Annie Hixson
 - b. April 2, 1898, Mangham, La. d. Feb. 1960
 - 2. Mildred Lee McCormick
 - b. Oct. 5, 1900, Union Church, Miss.
 - m. Nov. 27, 1918, Ewell Lewellen Boies
 - b. Aug. 6, 1896, Mangham, La.
 - Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Boies
 - a. Hazel Lee Boies
 - b. Nov. 19, 1919, Mangham, La.
 - m. Dec. 25, 1941, M. Delbert Garlington
 - b. Feb. 28, 1917, Sugartown, La.
 - 1. Marshall Ewell Garlington
 - b. July 5, 1945, Orange, Texas
 - 2. Jerry Lynn Garlington (twin)
 - b. Dec. 27, 1949, Monroe, La.
 - 3. Judy Lea Garlington (twin)
 - b. Dec. 27, 1949, Monroe, La.
 - b. Sibyl Anita Boies
 - b. May 15, 1921, Mangham, La.
 - m. Sept. 3, 1944, Billy Dwain Neill
 - b. Garland, Ark., Jan. 22, 1920. World War II, Tech. Sgt. Air Force
 - 1. Mary Ann Neill
 - b. Dec. 27, 1945, Monroe, La.
 - 2. Billy Dwain Neill, Jr.
 - b. Dec. 27, 1953, Monroe, La.

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- c. Adra Ellen Boies
 - b. Dec. 5, 1925, Mangham, La.
 - m. William R. Forrester, Dec. 20, 1945
 - b. Easton, Pa.
 - World War II, First Lieut. Air Force. Later Captain and Pilot.
 - 1. Adra Ellen Forrester
 - b. Sept. 13, 1948, Shreveport, La.
 - 2. Margaret Lee Forrester
 - b. May 31, 1950, Tacoma, Wash.
 - 3. William R. Forrester
 - b. May 25, 1957, Rushdon, England
- 3. Annie McCormick
 - b. July 5, 1902, Union Church, Miss.
 - m. Dec. 24, 1922, Lonnie Randol Brown
 - b. April 9, 1903, Alto, La.
 - Parents: William James Brown and Stella Eubanks Brown
 - 6 Children:
 - a. Dorothy Mae Brown
 - b. Aug. 14, 1923, Alto, La.
 - b. William Hugh Brown
 - b. Sept. 14, 1924, Alto, La.
 - Served in the States in peacetime a few months.
 - m. Dec. 16, 1949, Naomi Sue Lawson, of Parrish, Ala.
 - 1. Hugh Wayne Brown
 - b. March 19, 1955, Sylacauga, Ala.
 - 2. Dorothy Marie Brown
 - b. July 9, 1957, Sylacauga, Ala.
 - c. Randol Carl Brown
 - b. Oct. 14, 1925, Alto, La.
 - World War II. Served 3 years in South Pacific and fought in Battle of Okinawa. Staff Sergeant, Infantry.
 - m. July 10, 1943, Polly Loren Haile
 - 1. James Randol Brown
 - b. Feb. 1, 1947, Amarillo, Texas
 - 2. Jerry Mae Brown
 - b. July 2, 1952, Amarillo, Texas.

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- d. Fannie Marie Brown
 - b. Oct. 29, 1927, Alto, La.
 - m. Oct. 29, 1944, Howard Louis Coy at First Baptist Church, Starlington, La.
 - 1. Howard Louis Coy, Jr.
- e. James Ryon Brown
 - b. Mar. 18, 1929, Alto, La.
 - Served 3 years in Anchorage, Alaska in peacetime, Sergeant.
 - m. Dec. 21, 1949, Jayne Haynes.
 - 1. James Randolph Brown
 - b. Dec. 9, 1950, Monroe, La.
 - 2. Richey Dean Brown
 - b. Dec. 14, 1954, Tempe, Arizona.
- f. Edmund Ray Brown
 - b. Sept. 23, 1931, Alto, La.
 - Served 2 years in peacetime in states.
 - m. June 12, 1952 at First Baptist Church, Alto, La., Sallie Marie Lyles.
- 4. Lewis Newton McCormick
 - b. Sept. 12, 1904
 - d. Feb. 15, 1921
- 5. Joseph McCormick
 - b. June 12, 1907
 - m. Mary Lou Hale
- 6. Frances McCormick
 - b. Aug. 13, 1910, Union Church, Miss.
 - m. July 28, 1928, Willie W. Winchet
 - b. Aug. 2, 1902, Swartz, La.
 - d. Jan. 20, 1949
 - Parents: Frank and Dora Winchet
 - a. Jacques Winchet
 - b. Dec. 21, 1932, Monroe, La.
- 7. Nannie Mae McCormick
 - b. Oct. 17, 1912
 - m. John Clay Maxwell

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8. Willie Sue McCormick

b. Aug. 22, 1915, Mangham, La.

m. April 16, 1938, Mancil Eugene Overeen

b. Dec. 29, 1896, Ramsey, Ill.

Parents: William Henry Overeen and Tabitha Permilia
Booker Overeen

No children.

9. John Gordon McCormick

b. July 19, 1918, Mangham, La.

Served in World War II Army Infantry, July 25, 1945 to Nov.
25, 1945.

m. May 15, 1935, Mabel Grace Boies

b. Jan. 25, 1918, Alto, La.

Parents: Edwin A. Boies and Gussie _____ Boies

a. Peggy Sue McCormick

b. Jan. 16, 1937

d. Jan. 16, 1937

b. John Gordon McCormick, Jr.

b. Aug. 13, 1938, Alto, La.

c. Edwin Hugh McCormick

b. Sept. 30, 1942, Mangham, La.

d. Mar. 12, 1945

d. David Glenn McCormick

b. Nov. 27, 1945, Cullen, La.

g. William Washington McCormick

b. Mar. 28, 1876

d. Mar. 8, 1897

Never married.

10. James Judson Gordon

b. Amite Co., Miss., Dec. 17, 1846

d. Jefferson Co., Miss., Oct. 17, 1917

Confederate Army

m. 1st Mary Lucretia Stewart

b. Jan. 28, 1850

d. Sept. 14, 1901

Their Children:

a. William Stewart Gordon

b. Charles Judson Gordon

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- c. Mattie Allene Gordon
- d. Fred Gordon
- e. Mary Lou Gordon
- f. Frances Rembert Gordon
- g. Florence Pugh Gordon
- h. Alma Claudia Gordon

James Judson Gordon, son of John Gordon, Jr. and his wife, Mary Holden Gordon, was born Dec. 17, 1846 in Amite Co., Mississippi and died Oct. 17, 1917 in Fayette, Jefferson Co., Miss. He removed from Amite Co., Miss. when a small child with his parents and grew up at their plantation home near Allen, Miss. He enlisted in the Confederate Army in his teens during the War between the States, and served in Robert's Company, Col. Bradford's Regiment as private.

After the war James Judson Gordon held the position of manager of the wharf at Rodney, Miss. which was a thriving steamboat landing, and he had charge of all of the operations of the wharf, which position was a high honor at that time. During this time he was married Jan. 27, 1870 to Mary Lucretia Stewart, daughter of William Stewart and his wife, Martha Mayberry Stewart of Fayette, Miss. Soon after their marriage they moved to Fayette, Miss. where he became a successful merchant carrying on a large credit business until the time of his death.

Some of the fine linen, china and other articles that were sold in his store are in use by his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren today.

In his last years his son Fred Gordon purchased half interest in the business and had charge of the management.

The old store building is still standing in Fayette and is being used as a Standard Oil Station and bus station.

James Judson Gordon was a kind hearted, benevolent man with a genial personality who enjoyed his family and friends. Hospitality was a part of his nature, and his home was a favorite place among his friends and relatives who were always made to feel welcome, some relatives staying weeks at a time, and many of the orphaned children of the family found refuge in his home. His wife, Aunt Lou, as she was affectionately called by the nieces and nephews, joined him in his hospitality, and it is said that she never knew

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until dinner was ready to be served how many were to be seated. With plenty of servants the family was put to little trouble and nothing delighted James Judson Gordon more than to sit at the head of the table and carve and entertain the company with his fun. His inimitable humor for which he is so fondly remembered was the sunshine of his life, and his gay spirit bore him up to the last through any trials and disappointments that may have come to him.

The Gordon home in Fayette, a colonial cottage with hand hewn sills and banisters, is still owned and occupied by members of the family of James Judson Gordon and his wife Mary Lucretia Stewart Gordon. An old land mark, it sits back from the street with steps leading to the terraces, and stands as a sentinel on the edge of a cliff. Through its halls and rooms have passed the children and grandchildren of a number of generations, and many social affairs given by the family through the years have added much to the pleasure of their neighbors and other friends.

All who have seen Fayette will remember it as a beautiful and unique little city. As it is approached in going from Natchez, Miss., on the Natchez Trace, passing between moss covered trees and over sunken roads, at a high point overlooking its church steeples and house tops among the trees, the scene resembles pictures of villages of the old world. Its people are the descendants of the aristocratic civilization of the Old South, and carry on many of its traditions and manners today. They visit regularly their friends, and trays of dinners are taken from their doors to the sick among them, and education, culture and their churches fill the leading place in their lives.

a. William Stewart Gordon

b. Nov. 28, 1870, Rodney, Jefferson Co., Miss.

d. Sept. 18, 1937.

Attended private school in Fayette, Miss., where he studied Latin, Greek and mathematics with learned professors.

m. Ola Weatherbee, Waynesboro, Miss., May 30, 1906.

1. Evelyn Gordon

b.

d. June, 1960, Monroe, La.

m. Sam Cararas

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- a. Sam Cararas Jr.
 - b. 1939
- b. Mary Sandra Cararas
 - b. 1943
- c. Stewart Gordon Cararas
 - b. 1948

- b. Charles Judson Gordon, M.D.
 - b. Feb. 25, 1873
 - d. Dec. 4, 1942

Attended Port Gibson and Jefferson College at Washington, Miss., preparatory schools. Received M. D. from Louisville Medical College, Louisville, Ky.

- m. Eva Chism at Florence, La., June 25, 1902
- Practiced medicine Sicily Island, La.

- 1. Eva Gordon
 - b. Jan. 2, 1907
 - d. Mar. 25, 1952

Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La., B.A.

- m. William L. Vaught, Dec. 24, 1929
 - a. Eva Adele Vaught
 - b. Dec. 31, 1932

Louisiana State University, First Place in dressmaking contest

- m. Dec. 21, 1954, John Van Deren, Jr.
- b. Henry Gordon Vaught
 - b. Oct. 22, 1934

Southwestern State College, State Farmer 1954, National Farmer, 1954.

- 2. Dorothy Allene Gordon
 - b. Dec. 14, 1908

Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La., B.A.; Sigma Sigma Sigma Nat. Sorority. Finished in voice, pupil of Olive Ellsworth Proudfit.

- m. Sept. 9, 1935; Arthur Yomans Tillinghast, son of A. Y. Tillinghast, Sr., Grandson of Dr. E. L. Tillinghast, Confederate Army.
 - a. Arthur Judson Tillinghast
 - b. Oct. 14, 1946

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- 3. Frances Noel Gordon
 - b. Dec. 25, 1917
 - Louisiana State University, B.S. degree
 - m. Richard E. Selser, M.D., Oct. 10, 1940
 - a. Dorothy Cecelia Selser
 - b. Mar. 29, 1942
 - b. Mary Elizabeth Selser
 - b. Dec. 29, 1945
 - c. Susan Frances Selser
 - b. Sept. 20, 1948
 - d. Catherine Ann Selser
 - b. Sept. 27, 1951
 - e. Helen Gordon Selser
 - b. Oct. 6, 1952
- c. Mattie Allene Gordon
 - b. Mar. 31, 1875
 - Industrial Institute & College, now M. S. C., Columbus, Miss.
 - m. Robert L. Campbell, D.D., Presbyterian minister, Dec. 30, 1896
 - b. July 22, 1866
 - d. April 19, 1939
 - Son of Alexander Duncan Campbell and his wife, Martha Rowell Campbell
 - Southwestern College and Southwestern University
 - 1. James Alexander Campbell
 - b. Feb. 28, 1899
 - d. Aug. 19, 1899
 - 2. Mary Louise Campbell
 - b. Dec. 8, 1902
 - B.A. Degree Bellhaven College, Jackson, Miss.;
 - M.A. Degree George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. Has made teaching school her life work.
 - 3. Robert Lee Campbell
 - b. Jan. 15, 1905
 - d. Feb. 1, 1905
- d. Fred Gordon
 - b. May 18, 1877
 - d. May 3, 1958

Gordons of the Deep South

Studied with learned professors in private school in Fayette, Miss.
Never married, lived at Gordon home in Fayette, Miss.

He was a large land owner. Some of his land between Natchez and Fayette is on the Natchez Trace that runs through Jefferson County, Miss., and he preserved its natural beauty by never allowing a limb or leaf to be cut from the branches of the trees or the wild flowers. His love for his home, and his generosity and devotion to his brothers and sisters and their children were among the fine features of his character.

e. Mary Lou Gordon

b. Aug. 28, 1879

Attended Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Miss. Never married.
After her mother's death took over the management of the home and the care of the younger sisters.

f. Frances Rembert Gordon

b. Feb. 8, 1882

d. Jan. 14, 1953

Attended Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Miss.

m. Paul Bradford Best, Jan. 30, 1906

d. 1931

No children.

Born, lived and died at the Gordon home in Fayette, Miss.

g. Florence Pugh Gordon

b. Sept. 16, 1883

Attended Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Miss.

m. Robert Relerford Abney, Feb. 5, 1908

b.

d. July 11, 1954

1. Frances Elizabeth Abney

b. Jan. 5, 1910

Served as President of W.S.C.B. of Methodist Church.

Treasurer of N F I P of Jasper County.

m. Sam B. Sullivan, April 10, 1926

a. Martha Florence Sullivan

b. Jan. 1, 1927

Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Miss., B.S.

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

Taught homemaking, Pascagoula, Miss.

m. Aug. 9, 1952, Otto J. Peterson, Jr.

b. Mary Elizabeth Sullivan

b. Feb. 6, 1932

Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, Miss., B.S. Degree.

m. Corbet Sims, May, 1958, in Bay Springs, Miss.

2. William Washington Abney

b. Feb. 11, 1911

Served as member of Official Board and Trustee of Bay Springs Methodist Church, Bay Springs, Miss.

m. Frances Glenn, April 25, 1936.

a. William W. Abney, Jr.

b. May 7, 1937

b. Frances Glenn Abney

b. Mar. 22, 1943

c. Richard Samuel Abney

b. June 7, 1949

3. Robert Relerford Abney, Jr.

b. Dec. 5, 1912

m. Dec. 28, 1937, Mary Moore

a. Robert Hal Abney

b. Feb. 18, 1939

b. Fred Gordon Abney

b. Jan. 15, 1943

c. Travis Moore Abney

b. Aug. 14, 1946

Served as member of Official Board of Bay Springs, Miss. Methodist Church; Vice-President of Chamber of Commerce, Bay Springs, Miss.

h. Alma Claudia Gordon

b. Feb. 15, 1892

Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn. Won voice medal over many student contestants in her second year.

m. Samuel Benton Spaulding, April 17, 1912

1. Mary Lou Spaulding

b. May 30, 1913, Muskogee, Okla.

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Bellhaven College, Jackson, Miss. Member of Ensemble and Beta Sigma Sorority. George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. B.S. Degree. Columbia University, New York City, M.A. Degree.

Taught in Canton Public Schools, Canton, Miss.; Central School, Dutchess Co., N.Y.; Radford School for Girls, El Paso, Texas. Active in civilian work and served as Red Cross aid in El Paso hospitals during World War II.

m. Colonel Benjamine Turner Ferguson, June 5, 1946
b. Dec. 20, 1910

Son of Thomas Martin Ferguson and his wife, Helen Irene Ashford Ferguson of Hattiesburg, Miss. Graduate of Gulf Coast Military Academy, Gulfport, Miss.; Miss. State College, B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering. Entered armed forces World War II First Lieutenant. Battalion Commander in Northern Solomons Campaign. Later commanded 643 A A A Atomic Weapons Battalion, and went to European operations on special assignment with Ninth Air Force; relieved, 1946.

James Judson Gordon m. 2nd Cora Hobson
Their children

i. James Judson Gordon, Jr.
b.

Attended Jefferson College, Washington, Miss. Served in World War II in infantry a short while. Discharged due to illness.

j. Claude Hobson Gordon
b.

d. Nov., 1959, Baton Rouge, La.

m. Dorothy Ainsworth. No children.

World War II Signal Corps. European combat with General Clark in Italy. Served as Sergeant.

11. Eudora Caroline Gordon

b. Aug. 24, 1849, Miss.

d. May 8, 1923, San Antonio, Texas

m. June 20, 1871, Charles Whitney Booth

b. Mar. 14, 1848

d. Feb., 1925



EUDORA CAROLYN GORDON BOOTH



EUGENIA ARABELLA GORDON TUBBS

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

M. Book C., p. 186, Jefferson Co., Miss.

Both buried Mission Burial Park, San Antonio, Texas,
Lot No. 255, Blk. No. 5, Graves 2 & 3.

a. Ethel Booth

b. 1872

d. In infancy

b. Greenwood Cemetery, Longview, Texas

b. Herbert G. Booth

b. April 6, 1874

d. May, 1931

c. Eugene Whitney Booth

b. Mar. 31, 1876

d. Oct. 24, 1958

m. Eva Davis

b. Orangeburg, S. C.

d. Feb. 1960

1. Nelwyn Evelyn Booth

b. Feb. 29, 1904

d. Nov. 20, 1955

m. Jan. 16, 1938, Hans Axel Eckhardt

b. May 4, 1900

No children

2. Beryl Gordon Booth

b. July 10, 1909

m. June, 1926, Stephen Simone Sampson

b. Nov. 3, 1904

d. Mar. 5, 1954

a. Whitney Gordon Sampson, M.D.

b. Oct. 2, 1932

Specializing in Ophthalmology. Won
scholarship

m. June 21, 1956, Marlys Haywood

b. Robert Littell Sampson

b. June 19, 1934

Serving in U. S. Army 1958. Stationed
in Germany in 1958.

c. Stephanie Sue Sampson

b. Oct. 12, 1945

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3. Eugenia Whitney Booth

b. Feb. 16, 1911

m. Sept. 21, 1931, Cammie Williams

b. April 26, 1900

No children

d. Kenneth Booth

b. 1878

d. 1879

b. Greenwood Cemetery, Longview, Texas

e. Charles Edwin Booth

b. May 30, 1880

d. Aug. 23, 1916

m. June, 1903, Ora Terry

1. Charles Edwin Booth, Jr.

b. Oct. 11, 1906

Two degrees from Univ. of Texas, 1927

World War II; Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.

Federal Securities Exchange Commission

m. July 6, 1937, Ivy Brooke

a. Ivy Brooke Booth

b. Oct. 26, 1941

Attended Sophie Newcomb, New Orleans

1960 & 1961

Sophomore at Univ. of Texas, 1961

f. Harold Murray Booth, Sr.

b. Sept. 24, 1884

d. Nov. 13, 1958

m. May McGaffey

1. Harold Murray Booth, Jr.

b. Sept. 19, 1910

m. Mar. 29, 1933, Olivia Cobb

a. Lawrence Ashby Booth, Sr.

b. April 10, 1934

m. Dec. 28, 1957, Lucy Lockman

1. Lawrence Ashby Booth, Jr.

b. Oct. 8, 1958

2. Laura Lynn Booth

b. Feb. 22, 1960

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

Lawrence Ashby Sr. received a commission in in the U.S. Air Force at Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas—Served two years active duty in Research and Development for Missile Propellant at Halloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. Released from active duty Nov., 1960. Now employed by Univ. of California Atomic Energy Laboratories, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

b. Patricia Elaine Booth

b. Aug. 8, 1938

m. July 26, 1958, Charles Randolph Rabbeth, Jr.

1. Theresa Elaine Rabbeth

b. May 17, 1959

2. Charles Randolph Rabbeth, III

b. May 22, 1960

2. Jeanice Booth

b. Aug. 9, 1912

m. Mar. 17, 1939, Arthur E. Smith, Jr.

a. Judy Kay Smith

b. Dec. 18, 1939

b. Jeanice Smith

b. Sept. 9, 1942

m. Mar. 4, 1961, Thomas Schweinfurth

3. Laura May Booth

b. Dec. 26, 1914

m. Dec. 10, 1940, J. Proctor Willis

a. Sande Willis

b. Oct. 21, 1942

b. Leslie Willis

b. Jan. 14, 1946

c. Lynn Booth Willis

b. Feb. 6, 1950

d. Gayle Willis

b. July 3, 1952

g. Jewyl Carolyn Booth

b. April 2, 1896, Houston, Texas

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d. Aug. 30, 1956, San Mateo, Calif.

M.D. degree, University of Texas Medical College, Galveston, Texas—Pediatrician

m. Dr. William Murphy

Dr. Murphy is an Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist.

Did graduate work in Vienna, Austria.

12. Eugenia Arabella Gordon

b. July 18, 1853, Copiah Co., Miss.

m. Richard Tubbs

a. Fred Gordon Tubbs

b.

m. Helen Price

b.

d. 1957

1. Frances Tubbs

m. Albert Brock

No children

2. Frederick Gordon Tubbs, Jr.

m. Sarah

a. Frances Gail Tubbs

b. Sherill Lynn Tubbs

c. A daughter

John Gordon, Jr. married

2nd Widow Hedrick

nee Rosanna Foster

Their daughter

Hilda Blanche Gordon

b. Feb. 15, 1869

d. July 12, 1949

Buried at Old Providence Baptist Church Cemetery,
Copiah County, Miss.

m. Charles Carlisle

No children

Hilda Blanche Gordon was born, lived and died at the old Gordon home in Copiah County, Miss. In her widowhood, as stated previously, she sold tracts of land to help with her expenses, and in her last years deeded the home and remaining acres to a couple for her care and upkeep for the rest of her life.

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

*Deed Book 2 Z, page 583, Copiah Co., Miss.,
date Oct. 1, 1921.*

Mrs. Blanche Carlisle to George H. Hartley W $\frac{1}{2}$ S E $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ N E $\frac{1}{4}$ less 2 acres Sec. 17 and N E $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18, Township 9, range 6 East.

For sum of \$10.00 and a "home and support during her life for use and comfort as much so as she has had all her life."

The nearest school to the Gordon home when Blanche Gordon was a child was the school near the Old Providence Baptist Church which was too far from the Gordon home for her to attend, and in preparing for her schooling, her parents, John Gordon and wife Rosanna Gordon, donated a strip of their land near their home for a school building.

Deed Book Z, page 135, Copiah Co., Miss.

Rosanna Gordon, wife of John Gordon, to Trustees, F. C. Watson, G. W. Douglas, B. F. Granberry, T. J. Decell, E. H. Baker, T. E. Millsaps and their successors forever, one half acre "for the purpose of having a free school for the benefit of the white children of the neighborhood"

Signed—Rosanna Gordon
John Gordon

Date Jan. 17, 1872

A one teacher school was built on the land and Blanche Gordon attended it in her childhood.

Information given by Blanche Gordon Carlisle Deed recorded in Copiah Co., Miss.

2. Thomas Gordon¹

b. Dec. 23, 1782, Newberry Co., S. C.

d. Jan. 6, 1846, Amite Co., Miss.

m. Mar. 28, 1804, Livingston Co., Ky., Ann Miller. M. Record Livingston Co., Ky.

b. Jan. 20, 1786

Edgefield Co. S. C.

d. Oct. 12, 1852, Amite Co., Miss.

Parents:

James Miller & wife, Lydia Miller

¹The records of Thomas Gordon and wife, Ann Miller Gordon, were taken from records in a family Bible owned by Mrs. J. A. Key, now deceased, of Kentwood, La. Also, U. S. Census records, and records given by Mrs. C. A. Knight.

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Their Children:

- a. Parnece (Penny) Gordon
 - b. April 6, 1805
 - d.
 - m. July 22, 1824, Benjamin Wall
 - 1. Elceba Wall
 - b. Nov. 15, 1827
 - d. June 29, 1891
 - m. Sept. 28, 1841, St. Helena Parish, La.
 - Barzilla Monroe Roberts
 - b. June 11, 1821
 - d. Mar. 30, 1859
 - a. Melissa Abigail Roberts
 - b. Nov. 10, 1859
 - d. Feb. 22, 1891
 - m. Jan. 12, 1871 James Carmichael Wilson
 - b. Mar. 13, 1854
 - d. Jan. 26, 1916
 - 1. Charlie Monroe Wilson
 - b. Sept. 3, 1879
 - d.
 - m. June 25, 1902, Osyka, Miss.
 - Leona Belle Easley
 - b. 1880
 - d. Oct. 28, 1954, Bogalusa, La.
 - (a) Clotilda Wilson
 - b.
 - m. Charles A. Knight
- b. Elizabeth Gordon
 - b. Dec. 14, 1806
 - d.
 - m. J. H. Caldwell
- c. Arilla Gordon
 - b. Nov. 15, 1808
 - d.
- d. Mariah Gordon
 - b. Nov. 3, 1810, Amite Co., Miss.
 - d.

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- m. Dec. 13, 1832, Hampton Muse Lea, planter
 - b. 1810 Amite Co., Miss.
 - 1. Lethean Lea
 - b. 1834, Amite Co., Miss.
 - 2. George Sylvester Lea
 - b. 1836, Amite Co., Miss.
 - d. Nov. 30, 1864
 - Confederate Army Amite Co., Miss. Rifles Co. C 7th Miss. Regiment. Mustered into service Liberty, Miss. April 29, 1861. Killed Franklin, Tenn.
 - 3. May I. Lea
 - b. 1838, Amite Co., Miss.
 - 4. Mary Celia Lea
 - b. 1843, Amite Co., Miss.
 - 5. Thomas Marshall Lea
 - b. 1845, Amite Co., Miss.
- e. George James Gordon
 - b. Nov. 1, 1812, Amite Co., Miss.
- f. William Stark Gordon
 - b. Oct. 23, 1814, Amite Co., Miss.
 - d. July 19, 1889, Amite Co., Miss.
- m. Dec. 27, 1838, H. E. Jane Cotton
 - b. June 15, 1821
 - d. May 21, 1913
 - Daughter of Abel and Harriet Cotton
 - 1. Charles H. Gordon
 - b. 1840
 - d. July 10, 1898
 - Confederate Army, Amite Co., Miss. Guards Co. B. 33rd Miss. Regiment
 - 2. Aseneth Gordon
 - b. Jan. 31, 1848
 - d. Dec. 24, 1933, Kentwood, La.
 - m. Dec. 22, 1880, Rev. William H. Tucker
 - b.
 - d. Dec. 12, 1889

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- a. Daisy J. Tucker
 - m. Dec. 18, 1907, J. A. Key, M.D.
 - 1. Tucker Key
 - m. Mar. 26, 1938, Anita Adams, Montgomery, Ala.
 - (a) Linda Key
- 3. Marion William Gordon
 - b. 1849 Amite Co., Miss.
 - d. Feb. 12, 1907, New Orleans, La.
 - m. Nov. 21, 1877, H. N. McKnight
- 4. Dewitt Franklin P. Gordon
 - b. 1850
 - d. Jan. 6, 1920
 - m. Jan. 15, 1890, E. L. (Dolly) Richmond
 - a. Ella Gordon
 - m. Miller
- g. Thomas Wilkinson Gordon
 - b. Aug. 14, 1817, Amite Co., Miss.
 - d.
 - m. Dec. 26, 1839, Rebecca A. Wall, daughter of Howell Wall & wife, Rhoda Wall
 - m. April 4, 1817
 - 1. Melissa Gordon
 - m. Nov. 24, 1859, Franklin Co., Miss., Jesse Tate
 - 2. Hester Gordon
 - m. Nov. 2, 1872, Arthur Mingo
 - 3. Mary Gordon
 - m. May 2, 1868, Alfred Briant
- h. Mary Ann Gordon
 - b. Jan. 30, 1822
 - d.
 - m. Sept. 28, 1841, Wilson Tate
 - 1. Nancy Tate
 - b. 1843
 - 2. L. Tate daug.
 - b. 1844

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

3. Mary Gordon

b. Jan. 21, 1785, Newberry Co., S. C.

d.

m. Oct. 1, 1799, Arthur H. Davis

M. Recorded Livingston Co., Ky.

Arthur H. Davis buried in Bondurant Cemetery, Marshall Co., Ky. No marker on grave.

Their children:

a. Elbert Davis

b. Aug. 1804, Livingston Co., Ky.

d.

m. Sept. 23, 1824, Cassandra Smith

M. recorded Calloway Co., Ky.

b. 1803 S. C.

d.

m. 2nd ----- Ford

Seven children:

1. Mart Davis

b. 1825, Calloway Co., Ky.

Lived to be grown; never married.

2. Daughter

b. About 1827

d. Before 1850

3. Mary Davis

b. 1830, Calloway Co., Ky.

d. Texas

m. Aug. 6, 1849, Daniel W. Morgan

a. Ursula or Gertrude Morgan

m. Louis Green

Moved to Texas

4. Gertrude (Gartred) (Gattie) Davis

b. 1834, Calloway Co., Ky.

d. Feb. 13, 1893

m. Sept. 25, 1850, James M. McGregor

b. Aug. 7, 1830

d. April 1, 1904

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Twelve children:

- a. William Elbert McGregor
 - b. Dec. 22, 1851
 - d. April 6, 1917
 - m. Aug. 5, 1877, Josephine E. Martin
Lived in Caldwell Co., Ky.
- 1. Eula Vivian McGregor
 - b. June 11, 1878
 - m. W. R. Davis
- 2. Martin McGregor
- 3. Howard Jethro McGregor
 - b. Feb. 4, 1885
 - d. Dec. 21, 1944
 - m. Ora McNeely
- 4. Greenville Gertrude McGregor
 - b. Feb. 6, 1886
 - m. William S. Smith
- 5. Elbert Lemuel McGregor
 - b.
 - d. 1942
- 6. Katie Lee McGregor
 - b. Nov. 28, 1891
 - d.
 - m. Charles R. Pittard
- 7. Josephine McGregor
 - b. Dec. 12, 1893
 - d. 1920
- 8. Perry Lanman McGregor
 - b. July 14, 1900
 - World War I, was lost in service.
- b. Cassandra Elizabeth McGregor
 - b. Oct. 20, 1853
 - d. Dec. 21, 1930
 - m. Oct. 21, 1880, William Carter Rickman
Lived in Marshall Co., Ky.

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

1. James Thomas Rickman
b. Oct. 31, 1881
d. June 26, 1959
m. Annis Leah Cannon
2. John Henry Rickman
b. Mar. 10, 1883
m. Mary Emma Gordon
3. Robert Herbert Rickman
b. Feb. 11, 1885
d. Aug. 16, 1940
m. Isabella Mauzy
4. Sam Carter Rickman
b. April 24, 1888
d. Aug. 1908
5. George Martin Rickman
b. Jan. 8, 1892
d. June 22, 1960
m. Nolar Ophelia Waggoner
- c. James Mark McGregor
b. Sept. 24, 1855
d. Dec. 25, 1944
m. Oct. 7, 1880 Nancy Isabella Byerley
Lived in Marshall Co., Ky.
 1. Archie Luther McGregor
b. Aug. 25, 1881
m. Eupha Teaswood
 2. Nola Mae McGregor
b. Sept. 10, 1883
m. John Smith
 3. Riddlie McGregor
b. Nov. 10, 1886
d. Feb. 5, 1893
 4. Lonnie L. McGregor
b. Jan. 15, 1889
d. Mar. 26, 1893
 5. Child McGregor
b. Jan. 8, 1891
d. Jan. 8, 1891

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- 6. Icy Clinton McGregor
 - b. June 29, 1893
 - m. Lola Smith
- d. Robert Wilson McGregor
 - b. Jan. 10, 1858
 - d. April 12, 1942
 - m. July 11, 1878, Eliza Houser
 - Lived in Marshall Co., Ky.
 - No children
- e. Josiah Gertrude McGregor
 - b. Feb. 25, 1860
 - d. Dec. 4, 1928
 - m. Nov. 6, 1881, Amanda Lee Houser
 - Lived in Marshall Co., Ky.
 - 1. Sarah Gertrude McGregor
 - b. Aug. 24, 1883
 - m. James K. Smith
 - 2. Effie Newman McGregor
 - b. Dec. 11, 1887
 - m. 1st. Robert Blagg
 - m. 2nd. _____ Whittington
 - m. 3rd. W. A. Bowdon
- f. John Dice McGregor
 - b. Sept. 22, 1862
 - d. Sept. 27, 1916
 - m. Oct. 13, 1886, Emma Fletcher
 - Lived in Marshall Co., Ky.
 - 1. Gustanius McGregor
 - b. May 21, 1890
 - d. Mar. 14, 1953
 - m. Rosa F. Reeves
 - 2. Dora McGregor
 - b. July 20, 1894
 - m. Rollie Copeland
 - 3. Laura Helen McGregor
 - b. Nov. 4, 1896
 - d. Oct. 6, 1946
 - m. Joseph Daniel Myers

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- 4. Lena McGregor
 - b. Sept. 16, 1900
 - m. Lester Holcomb
- g. George Levi McGregor
 - b. Oct. 19, 1864
 - d. Oct. 3, 1942
 - m. Jan. 20, 1887, Susan Greenville Houser
 - Lived in Marshall Co., Ky.
 - 1. Mima Ruth McGregor
 - b. April 6, 1888
 - m. William Joe Putman
 - 2. Audrey McGregor
 - b. Feb. 5, 1890, Marshall Co., Ky.
 - m. May 26, 1907, Lloyd Lee Butler
 - b. Sept. 3, 1887, Marshall Co., Ky.
 - d. Nov. 8, 1916
 - Buried Pleasant Grove Cemetery
 - Parents:
 - William Riley Butler
 - Emma Jane Vaughn Butler
 - a. Lois Butler
 - b. May 3, 1908, Marshall Co., Ky.
 - m. Dec. 6, 1929, Irvan York
 - 1. Betty Jean York
 - m. John Dyke
 - 2. Billy Duane York
 - U. S. Army PFC 1953-55
 - m. Mae Gohan
 - 3. Jimmie Dale York
 - m. Leona Donahue
 - 4. Jerry York
 - b. Chalma Lee Butler (Bill)
 - b. Feb. 15, 1910
 - m. 1927, Willie Mae Copeland
 - 1. Bobbie Lee Butler
 - died in infancy
 - 2. Doffojean Butler

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- c. Ora Butler
 - b. Aug. 27, 1913
 - m. Aug. 22, 1931, George William Locker
 - 1. William Burradell Locker
 - University of Kentucky
 - B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering
 - Inducted in U.S. Navy
 - Nov. 1955. Five months on Adah Island in 1956; seven months at Kwajalein Island in 1957, both in Pacific Zone
 - Released 1959 as Surveyor 2nd Class
- 3. James Frederick McGregor
 - b. May 29, 1894
 - d. Oct. 26, 1932
 - m. Lydia Mae Butler (sister of Lloyd Butler)
 - a. James Fields McGregor
 - In the service 1960
- 4. Annie Wilma McGregor
 - b. June 20, 1900
 - m. Roscoe Tyree
 - a. Van Tyree
 - European Occupational Theatre of War
- 5. Ida Jewel McGregor
 - b. May 7, 1903
 - m. Leonard Thompson
 - a. James Marshall Thompson
 - In the service
- 6. Bessie Lee McGregor
 - b. Feb. 19, 1906
 - d. June 9, 1906
- 7. Martha Kathleen McGregor
 - b. Dec. 18, 1908
 - m. Edward Austin
- h. Henry Adolph McGregor
 - b. Aug. 28, 1866
 - d. April 4, 1939
 - Lived in Marshall Co., Ky.

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth.

1. Claude Raymon McGregor
b. Sept. 6, 1891
d. Nov. 1, 1892
2. Erie Corbett McGregor
b. Dec. 18, 1893
d. April 28, 1908
3. Lonzie Alexander McGregor
b. Jan. 12, 1897
m. 1st Pansy Ivy
m. 2nd Claudine Bailey
4. Ollie Mae McGregor
b. July 6, 1903
d. Sept. 17, 1954
5. Susie McGregor
b. Feb. 14, 1912
m. Lubie Reynolds
- i. Thomas Oregon McGregor
b. Sept. 10, 1869
d. Mar. 1, 1957
m. July 27, 1889, Jonnie Victoria Copeland
Lived in Marshall Co., Ky.
 1. Herman Otis McGregor
b. Sept. 8, 1891
m. Nellie Allen
 2. Rosaetta McGregor
b. Oct. 28, 1892
m. Lucian Hart Tynes
 3. Cricket McGregor
b. May 2, 1894
m. 1st Walter Carper
m. 2nd C. N. Burris
 4. Grace Vivian McGregor
b. April 23, 1897
m. Shelton Hendrickson
 5. Sarah Jane McGregor
b. Nov. 21, 1899
m. 1st Rufus Avery Hendrickson
m. 2nd Robert Nunnely

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6. Betty Evalee McGregor
 - b. Aug. 21, 1903
 - m. 1st Edgar Sheldon Hendrickson
 - m. 2nd Toy York
7. Luther Kirkland McGregor
 - b. July 23, 1908
 - m. 1st Clemmie Thompson
 - m. 2nd Josephine Chopin
- j. Rebecca Izora (Aunt Nick) McGregor
 - b. Aug. 25, 1873
 - d. June 28, 1950
 - m. Mar. 25, 1899, A. Jonathan Poe
 - Lived in Marshall Co., Ky.
 - 1. Ervin Poe
 - b. Jan. 8, 1900
 - m. Myrtie Peck
 2. Burnette Poe
 - b. Oct. 14, 19??
 3. Alexander Poe
 - b. July 27, 1903
 - m. 1st Minnie Bradley
 - m. 2nd Ailene Cook
 4. Eunice Poe
 - b. Mar. 19, 1905
 - m. Lowell Bradley
 5. Claude Poe
 - b. Jan. 16, 1907
 - m. 1st Vera Fields
 - m. 2nd Althea Pugh
 6. Joe Perkins Poe
 - b. Mar. 9, 1909
 - m. Ailene Crawford
 7. Lucy Gertrude Poe
 - b. Feb. 6, 1911
 - m. Lex English
 8. Martha Mae Poe

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- k. Elsie Dalton McGregor
 - b. Sept. 20, 1876
 - m. Oct. 29, 1896, Andrew Jackson Fletcher
 - Lived in Marshall Co., Ky.
 - 1. Sarah Garthwood Fletcher
 - b. July 31, 1897
 - m. 1st Lee Lassiter
 - m. 2nd C. L. Bourland
 - 2. John Hall Fletcher
 - b. Mar. 2, 1904
 - m. Jeanette Pace
 - 3. Gladys Odell Fletcher
 - b. Mar. 1, 1906
 - m. Claybourne Hunt
 - 4. Boyce Melvin Fletcher
 - b. Nov. 12, 1910
 - 5. Mary Elizabeth Fletcher
 - b. May 5, 1915
 - m. 1st Wilson Walston
 - m. 2nd Emmett Allmon
- l. Hardy Harrison McGregor
 - b. Dec. 15, 1880
 - d.
 - m. May 14, 1903, Lucy Reeves
 - Lived in Marshall Co., Ky.
 - 1. Sylvia McGregor
 - b. June 11, 1904
 - m. Roy Boyd
 - 2. Guy Reeves McGregor
 - b. Mar. 9, 1910
 - World War II Signal Corps of Army,
European Theatre P.F.C. Feb. 14, 1944 to
Dec. 12, 1945
 - m. 1st Louise O'Daniel
 - m. 2nd Pauline Barnes
 - 3. Ruby Woodson McGregor
 - b. Aug. 23, 1913
 - m. W. S. Castleberry

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5. Agnes Davis
 - b. 1838 Calloway Co., Ky.
 - m. Mar. 30, 1860, John W. Lamb
 6. Sarah L. Davis
 - b. 1841, Calloway Co., Ky.
 - m. Feb. 13, 1856, Ridley Frazier Larimer
 - a. Safronia Larimer
 - b. 1858, Marshall Co., Ky.
 - d. 1874, age 16 yrs.
 - b. Sarah Ella Larimer
 - b. April 13, 1859, Marshall Co., Ky.
 - d. June 26, 1887
 - m. Norton Ford
 - c. Nora Ann Larimer
 - b. March 18, 1861, Marshall Co., Ky.
 - m. Joseph Marion Houser, brother of Susan Greenville Houser, wife of Levi McGregor
 1. Leroy W. Houser
 - b. Jan. 10, 1880
 - d. Dec. 21, 1956
 - m. Maggie Myers
 2. Virginia Holley Houser
 3. Charlie Houser
 - b. July 7, 1882
 - d. May 3, 1943
 - m. Pearl Jackson
 - a. Josie Houser
 - b. Mary Houser
 4. Eugene Houser
 - b. Aug. 18, 1884
 - m. Lillie Belle Byerley
 - a. Joe Larimer Houser
 - b. Sept. 18, 1907
 - b. Clarence Houser
 - b. Feb. 19, 1910
- World War II induction May 2, 1942,
PFC Co. A, 442 d. Signal Const. Bat.
Honorably discharged Nov. 12, 1945.

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

7. Sevilla A. Davis

b. 1845 Marshall Co., Ky.

b. Louisa Davis

b. 1807

d. Dec. 25, 1857

"Died Dec. 25, 1857, age about 50 years" inscription on her tombstone in Bondurant Cemetery, Marshall Co., Ky.; buried beside her father Arthur H. Davis.

m. Joseph T. Cornwell

c. Elizabeth Davis

b.

d.

m. Mar. 17, 1836, John Pryor, in Marshall Co., Ky.

When George Gordon moved with his family from Kentucky in 1805 to Louisiana, his daughter Mary Gordon, wife of Arthur H. Davis, and her family remained in Kentucky. She shared in the estate of her father, George Gordon who died in St. Helena Parish, La., in 1832. Adm. papers recorded in 1835.

Mary Gordon, deceased wife of Arthur Davis, is named in the estate papers of her brother Wm. S. Gordon, St. Helena Parish, La., date 1862; also, Elbert Davis, deceased, his heirs unknown.

The partition shows that an equal part was set aside for Mary Gordon, deceased wife of Arthur H. Davis.

A letter dated 1920 from B. M. Philley, att'y at law, City National Bank Bldg., Paducah, Ky., writing to Rev. Wm. or J. B. Gordon of La., says:

"My g g mother was a Gordon and was probably a daughter or sister of William who died in Louisiana about beginning of Civil War."

No other information. Mrs. J. A. Key of Kentwood, La., who has the letter does not know of any reply or follow up. The letter was just with her mother's papers.

B. M. Philley evidently was a descendant of Mary Gordon Davis, wife of Arthur H. Davis, and had some knowledge of the settlement of Wm. S. Gordon's estate in St. Helena Parish, La., date 1862, in which Mary Gordon Davis' descendants received her part.

It is possible that Arthur H. Davis and family had never moved

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and lived on the land that they had settled on in Livingston County, Kentucky, since Marshall County, Kentucky, was formed from Calloway Co., Ky., in 1842, and Calloway Co., Ky., was formed from Hickman Co., Ky., in 1822, which had been formed from Livingston and Caldwell Counties, Kentucky, in 1821. Their land in Livingston Co., Ky., could have been a part of these counties when they were formed. A close look at the records may show this.

1830 U. S. Census Calloway County, Kentucky

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Page 159—Arthur H. Davis: | 1 female under 5 |
| 1 male 60-70 | 1 female 5-10 |
| | 2 females 10-15 |
| | 1 female 40-50 |

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Page 159—Elbert Davis: | |
| 1 male under 5 | 2 females under 5 |
| 1 male 20-30 | 1 female 20-30 |

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Page 171—Thomas Davis: | |
| 1 male under 5 | 2 females under 5 |
| 1 male 20-30 | 1 female 20-30 |

The records of Arthur H. Davis and wife Mary Gordon Davis were given by Mrs. Ora B. Locker of Paducah, Ky.

4. Ann (Nancy) Gordon

b. Feb. 17, 1787 (Saturday) Newberry Co., S. C.

d.

m. James Y. McNabb in Kentucky

Moved from Kentucky with George Gordon and family. In 1815 James Y. McNabb and family were living in Marion Co., Miss., where he was Justice of the Peace. Pike Co., Miss., was formed from Marion Co., Miss., 1815, and James Y. McNabb and family were living in the part of Marion Co. that became Pike Co., Miss., 1815.

U. S. Census 1850 Rankin Co., Miss.

James Y. McNabb, age 65, b. Ky.

Nancy McNabb, age 60

Andrew Alexander, age 26, b. Miss.

Lucretia Alexander, age 19, b. Miss.

A. Lilly, age 26, b. Miss.

Andrew Alexander, age 8/12, b. Miss.

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

A. J. McNabb, age 30, farmer, b. Miss.

Sarah McNabb, age 23, b. Miss.

Leah McNabb, age 1/12, b. Miss.

G. Y. McNabb, age 30, Methodist Minister, b. Miss.

Caroline McNabb, age 29, b. Miss.

Harriet McNabb, age 6, b. Miss.

Mary McNabb, age 4, b. Miss.

Julius McNabb, age 1, b. Miss.

In the settlement of George Gordon's estate in 1835, St. Helena Parish, La., Ann Gordon, wife of James Y. McNabb, was named among his children.

In the settlement of William Stark Gordon's estate in St. Helena Parish, La., date Mar. 28, 1862, Nancy Gordon, deceased wife of James Y. McNabb, is represented by Nancy Holmes, "the other seven are absent and unknown."

Wm. Stark Gordon was a brother of Ann (Nancy) Gordon McNabb.

Lucretia Alexander and A. J. and G. Y. McNabb (twins) may have been the children of James Y. McNabb and wife, Ann (Nancy) Gordon McNabb.

Marriage Rankin Co., Miss.:

Andrew J. McNabb and Sarah Ann Amons

Sept. 24, 1846

5. Ruth White Gordon

b. Dec. 18, 1788, Newberry Co., S.C.

d. Jan. 16, 1789, Newberry Co., S.C.

6. William Stark Gordon

b. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1789, Newberry Co., S.C.

d. Oct. 5, 1861, St. Helena Parish, La.

m. Dec. 15, 1817, Elizabeth Day

b. 1796, North Carolina

m. Record St. Helena Parish, La.

No children.

Succession of William Stark Gordon, St. Helena Parish, La., date Oct. 11, 1861, names heirs: Elizabeth Gordon Lee, wife of Renny Lee; Milbrey Gordon Prescott, deceased, represented by William Gordon Prescott, Sarah A. Prescott Wilson, wife of Marcus S. Wil-

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son; Eliza A. Prescott Wilson, wife of P. P. Wilson; Rebecca Wall, now wife of Albert Zeigler; Thomas Gordon, deceased, represented by Mariah Gordon Lea, wife of Hampton M. Lea; William Stark Gordon; Elceba Gordon Roberts, widow of Barzilla Roberts; Elizabeth Gordon Caldwell, wife of J. H. Caldwell; Mary Ann Gordon Tate, wife of Wilson Tate; The heirs of Thomas Gordon, Jr., deceased, represented by Melissa Gordon Tate, wife of Jesse Tate; Hester Gordon and Mary Gordon, minor heirs. Rachel Gordon Raborn, widow of George Raborn; John Gordon, deceased, represented by John Gordon and Sarah Parker, wife of James Parker; Nancy Gordon McNabb, deceased, wife of James Y. McNabb, represented by Nancy Holmes, wife of William Holmes; the other seven are absent and unknown; Mary Gordon Davis, wife of Arthur H. Davis; Leah Gordon Cryer, wife of Daniel Cryer.

A paper in the settlement names Mary Gordon, deceased, wife of Arthur H. Davis, heirs unknown; also, Elbert Davis, deceased, his heirs unknown.

William Stark Gordon's property was divided into two lots, Mrs. Elizabeth Gordon, his widow, drew lot No. 1 and William S. Gordon drew lot No. 2 for the heirs.

William Stark Gordon's land was sold, part was purchased by Mrs. Elizabeth Gordon, his widow, and part by Martin P. Day. March 28, 1862, Partition of notes and cash. The total was divided into 8 roots, one root each for his brothers and sisters before-mentioned, or their representatives. Each root was \$2864.44.

7. Rachel Gordon

b. June 12, 1792, Friday, Newberry Co., S.C.

d.

m. April 15, 1809, Amite Co., Miss., George Raborn

m. record Amite Co., Miss., Book I

George Raborn

Will signed Aug. 15, 1827; probated Nov. 18, 1833.

Named Rachel, wife; children not named.

a. Elizabeth Raborn

b. April 15, 1810

d. Oct. 4, 1812

b. William Raborn

b. Mar. 22, 1812

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- c. Jackson Raborn
 - b. April 3, 1814
- d. Simson (Simpson) Raborn, planter
 - b. May 26, 1816
 - m. July 10, 1838, Nancy White
 - 1. William Raborn
 - b. 1840 Amite Co., Miss.
 - War between the States
 - Amite Co., Miss. Guards, Co. B 33rd Miss. Regiment
 - 2. Demarius S. Raborn
 - b. 1841, Amite Co., Miss.
 - War between the States
 - Amite Co., Miss. Guards, Co. B 33rd Miss. Regiment
 - 3. Edward Raborn
 - b. 1843, Amite Co., Miss.
 - War between the States
 - Amite Co. Guards, Co. B, 33rd Miss. Regiment
 - 4. Mary C. Raborn
 - b. 1844, Amite Co., Miss.
 - 5. James Raborn
 - b. 1845, Amite Co., Miss.
 - 6. Louisa Raborn
 - b. 1851, Amite Co., Miss.
 - 7. Dick Raborn
 - b. 1855, Amite Co., Miss.
 - 8. Artulinta Raborn
 - b. 1856
 - m. 2nd Mary -----
- e. Anne Raborn
 - b. July 29, 1818, Amite Co., Miss.
- f. Rhoda Raborn
 - b. Nov. 13, 1820, Amite Co., Miss.
 - m. April 21, 1839, Joseph R. Williams, planter
 - b. 1809, Amite Co., Miss.
 - 1. George B. Williams
 - b. 1841, Amite Co., Miss.
 - War between the States
 - Amite Co., Miss. Guards, Co. B, 33rd Miss. Regiment

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2. Andrew J. Williams
b. 1842, Amite Co., Miss.
War between the States
Amite Co. Guards Co. B, 33rd Miss. Regiment
 3. John D. Williams
b. 1844, Amite Co., Miss.
War between the States
Amite Co. Guards, Co. B, 33rd Regiment
 4. Taylor Williams
b. 1848, Amite Co., Miss
 5. W. Jason Williams
b. 1849, Amite Co., Miss.
 6. Nancy Williams
b. 1851, Amite Co., Miss.
 7. Rachel Williams
b. 1853, Amite Co., Miss.
 8. James M. Williams
b. 1857, Amite Co., Miss.
 9. Richard Williams
b. 1860, Amite Co., Miss.
 10. Sarah Williams
b. 1864, Amite Co., Miss.
8. Leah Gordon
b. Dec. 15, 1794, Newberry Co., S.C.
m. Jan. 23, 1812, Daniel Cryer
M. records, Amite Co., Miss.
- Leah Gordon, wife of Daniel Cryer, shared in the settlement of the estate of her father, George Gordon of St. Helena Parish, La., date, 1835. Also, shared in the settlement of the estate of her brother, William Stark Gordon of St. Helena Parish, La., date, 1861.
9. Elizabeth Gordon
b. July 2, 1797, Sunday, in Kentucky
d. May 9, 1882
m. Renny Lee, planter
b. Aug. 2, 1795
d. Dec. 30, 1877

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

Lived in St. Helena Parish, La.

- a. Leroy Lee
 - b. Sept. 10, 1814
- b. Laura Lee
 - b. Mar. 21, 1816
 - m. Feb. 25, 1836, David Fluker
- c. George Lee
 - b. Jan. 26, 1818
- d. Siney Lee
 - b. Feb. 15, 1820
- e. Milbrey Lee
 - b. June 19, 1822
- f. Reuben Lee
 - b. Dec. 22, 1824
 - d. July 10, 1910
- m. Dec. 22, 1858, Martha Ann Eunice Wright
 - b. Mar. 11, 1835, d. May 12, 1908

During the War between the States, Reuben Lee owned and operated a mill to grind corn and food for the people.

- 1. Mary Elizabeth Lee
 - b. Dec. 25, 1860
 - d. 1945
 - m. Judge Louis Pipkin, St. Helena Parish, La.
- 2. Charles Remees Lee
 - b. Aug. 17, 1862
 - d. 1870
- 3. Catherine Lee
 - b. Jan. 26, 1864
 - d. May 31, 1911
 - m. D. T. Taylor
 - d. 1921
 - 3 children
- 4. Angus B. Lee
 - b. June 26, 1865
 - d. 1943

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- m. Lula Freiler
 - b. 1870
 - d. 1956
 - 3 children
- 5. Cordelia Eulalia Lee
 - b. June 11, 1867
 - d. 1872
- 6. Cora Eugenia Lee
 - b. Aug. 11, 1868
 - d. 1872
- 7. Julia Mae Lee
 - b. Aug. 14, 1870
 - d. Sept. 1, 1939
 - m. Oct. 26, 1898, John Walter Lambert, M.D.
 - b. Aug. 25, 1861
 - d. Mar. 28, 1932
 - a. Eunice Valentine Lambert
 - b. Feb. 14, 1901
 - m. Catha
 - b. Alice Norma Lambert
 - b. Jan. 19, 1905
- 8. Reuben Wright Lee
 - b. June 1, 1872
 - m. Emma Bailey
 - a. Ruby Lee
 - m. Spencer Alvie Wilson
 - 1. Spencer Alvie Wilson, Jr.
 - Served in Navy, World War II
 - 2. Lowell Wilson
 - b. Edwin Wright Lee
 - m. Helen Powell
 - 1. Charles E. Lee
 - Served in Army and Air Force, World War II
 - 2. Alton Reuben Lee
 - Served in Navy World War II
 - 3. Yvonne Lee
 - m. Robert Burns

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

E. Wright Lee has the Lee family Bible.

c. George W. Lee

m. Etta Seagrul

d. Vera E. Lee

m. Buford Boone

e. Lena Annabel Lee

m. Lake Crawford

f. Jennie Dean Lee

m. A. H. Sanders

1. Vallrie Sanders

9. Benton Newton Lee

b. Jan. 4, 1875

d. 1939

m. Eugenia from New Orleans, La.

No children

g. Leah Lee

b. Jan. 25, 1827

h. Elizabeth Lee

b. Aug. 16, 1829

i. William Lee

b. June 18, 1833

m. July 31, 1856, Nancy Roddy

j. Renny Lee

b. Nov. 10, 1835

k. Thomas Lee

b. Feb. 10, 1839

m. Mar. 3, 1859, Mary J. Roddy

10. Milbrey Gordon

b. July 21, 1801, Ky.

d. Between 1832 and 1835

m. April 13, 1815 Marian Co., Miss. Michael Prescott. Marriage ceremony performed by James Y. McNabb, Justice of Peace Marian Co., Miss., brother-in-law of Milbrey Gordon. Milbrey Gordon was probably visiting in the home of her sister, Ann McNabb, when she met and married Michael Prescott.

a. Eliza Ann Prescott

b. 1820

d. Jan. 25, 1892

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- m. Jan. 16, 1840, Pascal P. Wilson, M.D., St. Helena Parish, La.
 - b. Mar. 8, 1815, New York
 - d. April 23, 1860
- 1. Althestin Smith Wilson
 - d. Young
- 2. Laura Luthera Wilson
 - b. 1842, La.
 - m. Nov. 15, 1866, Eli McElveen
 - a. May McElveen
 - b.
 - d.
 - m. ----- Abraham
 - b. W. D. McElveen
 - c. George McElveen
 - d. Jim McElveen
- 3. Electa Dean Wilson
 - b. 1844
 - m. April 14, 1861, Evander McDaniel
 - a. Laura Elizabeth McDaniel
 - b.
 - d.
 - m. Joe Powell
 - b.
 - 1. Marguerite Powell
 - b.
 - m. Judge Allen Pierson, Ponchatoula, La.
 - b. John McDaniel
 - b.
 - d.
 - m. Miss Goss
 - c. Spencer McDaniel
 - b.
 - d.
 - m. Helen Bates

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- d. Rosa McDaniel
 - b.
 - d.
 - m. S. C. Richmond
- e. Ella McDaniel
 - b.
 - d.
 - m. 1st John B. Ewing
 - m. 2nd a McPherson
- 4. William Princeton Willson
 - b. 1846
 - War between the States
 - Amite County Guards, Co. B., 33rd Miss. Regt.
 - m. Sarah Spears
 - a. Mollie Willson
 - b.
 - d.
 - m. Tint Raborn
 - b. Paschal Peola Willson
 - b.
 - m. Celia McDaniel
 - c. Barthana Saludie (Ludie) Willson
 - b.
 - m. Robert Lee Hilburn
 - 1. Mittie Hilburn
 - b.
 - m. Frank Benjamin Wheeler
 - a. Mabel Wheeler
 - Was graduated from Southeastern La. College, Hammond, La.
 - m. Hilary Emile Watson
 - 1. Hilary Emile Watson, Jr.
 - b.
 - m. Shirley Lewis
 - a. Hilary Stephen Watson
 - b. Sue Mildred Wheeler

Gordons of the Deep South

- c. Frank Benjamin Wheeler, Jr.
Attended Southeastern La. College,
Hammond, La., and Alabama Poly-
technic, Auburn, Ala.
- m. Effie Jean Wright

1. Gregory Brian Wheeler

- d. Lee Bangs Wheeler, Teaching school
Finished Southeastern La. College,
attended L.S.U. and Miss. Southern
College.
Served in World War II in Army
- m. Sally Ann Schaack

1. Donna Lee Wheeler

- d. Electa Willson
b.
m. Albert Easley
- e. William Willson
b.
m. Etta

5. Freeman Wilson

b. 1850

m. Missouri Hurst

- a. Eugene Wilson
b.
d.
m. Cassie Alford

1. Collie Wilson

b.

m. Nannie Lee Foster

- a. Robert Wilson
Nat'l Guard Air Corps. Served in
Louisiana
- b. Douglass Wilson
- c. Wesley Wilson
- d. Sharon Ann Wilson

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- 2. Morris Wilson
 - b.
 - m. Eula Day
 - a. Jeanette Wilson
 - b. Calvin Wilson
 - Served in World War II
 - c. Le Roy Wilson
- 3. Willie Wilson
 - b.
 - m. 1st Imogene Foster
 - m. 2nd Juanita Evans
 - a. Norma Jean Wilson
 - b. Bobby Ruth Wilson
 - c. Farrell Wilson
 - d. James V. Wilson
 - e. La Vern Wilson
- b. Dora Wilson
 - m. M. J. Strickland
- c. Belle Wilson
- d. Goss Wilson
- 6. Jarried Richardson Wilson
 - Died young
- 7. James Carmichael Wilson
 - b. Mar. 13, 1854
 - d. Jan. 26, 1916
 - m. Jan. 12, 1871, Melissa Abigail Roberts
 - b. Nov. 10, 1859
 - d. Feb. 22, 1891
 - a. Charlie Monroe Wilson
 - b. Sept. 3, 1879
 - m. June 25, 1902, Leona Belle Easley
 - b. 1880
 - d. Oct. 28, 1954, Bogalusa, La.
 - 1. Clotilda Wilson
 - b.
 - m. C. A. Knight

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- b. James Wilson
Sang and announced on radio W W L, New Orleans, La.
 - c. Alice Wilson
 - b.
 - m. 1st Sandifer
 - m. 2nd Arthur Dyson
 - m. 3rd Eckie Ott
 - d. Luther Wilson (Luthie)
 - e. John Wilson
 - f. Carrie Wilson
 - g. Lillie May Wilson
8. John Quinston Wilson
Died young.
- m. Anna Stevenson
 - a. Eula Wilson
 - b.
 - m. Charles E. McDaniel
 - 1. Wilma Lee McDaniel
 - m. Lampton Morris
 - 2. Bernice McDaniel—Teaching school
 - b. Eva Wilson
 - c. John Wilson
 - d. Claude Wilson
 - e. Gladys Wilson
9. Sarah Elizabeth Wilson
- b.
 - m. William Strickland
 - a. James Monroe Strickland
 - b.
 - m. Amanda Powell
 - 1. Vivian Strickland
 - 2. Hazel Strickland
 - 3. Virginia Strickland
 - 4. Walter Strickland
 - 5. Webster Strickland
 - 6. Wilda Strickland

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- b. William Ellis Strickland
 - b.
 - m. Lucy McDaniel
 - 1. M. F. Strickland
 - 2. Bessie Louise Strickland
- c. Henry Otis Strickland
 - b.
 - m. Lillian McDaniel
 - 1. Vera Strickland
 - m. Esco Cutrer
 - 2. Louis Strickland
 - m. Evelyn Wilson
- d. Myrtis Lorena Strickland
 - b.
 - m. Mar. 20, 1904, Fred Monroe Sanders
 - 1. William Charles Sanders
 - b.
 - m. Esther Neely
 - a. Rowena Ruth Sanders
 - b.
 - Southwestern Louisiana College,
B.A. degree
 - m. Warren Hurst
 - b. Charles Lee Sanders
 - b.
 - B.A. degree, Southeastern La. Col-
lege
 - Served in U. S. Air Force
 - m. Patsy Dick
 - 2. Geneva Lee Sanders
 - b.
 - m. Leon Prescott
 - a. Frederick Leon Prescott
 - Served in U.S. Army
 - m. Mary Owen

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- b. Richard Gerald Prescott
 - b.
 - m. Julia Bryant
 - c. Jack Wayne Prescott
- 3. Elva Lorens Sanders
 - B.A. degree Southeastern La. State College
 - m. Feb. 3, 1940, George P. Covington, Jr.
 - a. Reginald Alan Covington
 - b. George Sanders Covington
- 4. Denver Lenro Sanders (deceased)
 - b.
 - m. Norma Feigler
 - a. Terry Dennis Sanders
 - B.A. degree La. State University
 - m. Sarah Biles
 - b. Peggy Rebecca Sanders
- 5. Nannie Belle Sanders
 - Degree from Southeastern Louisiana State College
 - m. Robert Lee McNabb
 - a. John Howell McNabb
 - b.
 - Serving in U. S. Air Force in 1961
 - m. Monte Bridges
 - b. Robert Lee McNabb, Jr.
 - c. Ann Gayle McNabb
 - d. Barry Keith McNabb
- 6. Dudley Monroe Sanders
 - b.
 - m. Willia Mae Stewart
 - a. Robert Earl Sanders
 - Serving in U.S. Air Force, 1961
 - b. Brenda Sanders
 - c. James Holcomb Sanders

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

- 7. Fred Monroe Sanders, Jr.
 - b.
 - World War II, U.S. Air Force
 - War prisoner 23 months
 - m. Flo Shoemaker
 - a. Debra Denise Sanders
- 8. James Devon Sanders
 - b.
 - B.A. Degree Southeastern La. State College
 - World War II, U.S. Marine Corps
 - m. Mildred Pierce
 - a. Stevan Sanders
- 10. Emily Annis Willson
 - b.
 - m. Oct. 1, 1884, J. H. Whittington. m. Book XI, P. 233
 - Amite Co. Miss.
- b. William Gordon Prescott
 - b.
 - m. May 10, 1848, Mary Ann Strickland, St. Helena Parish, La.
- 1. William M. Prescott
 - b.
 - m. Jan. 6, 1876, Maggie Chaney, St. Helena Parish, La.
 - a. Burke Prescott
 - b. James Prescott
 - b.
 - c. William Prescott
 - b.
 - d. John Prescott
 - b.
 - m. Della Curtis
 - 1. Lawrence Prescott
 - b.
 - m. Ruth

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- 2. Leah Prescott
 - b.
 - m. Raymond Jennings
 - a. Lavern Jennings
 - b. Raymond Jennings
 - c. Donald Jennings
- 3. James Curtis Prescott
 - b.
 - m. Delores Sherer
 - a. Lourene Prescott
 - b. Grace Prescott
- 4. Wallace Russell Prescott
 - b.
 - Served in World War II, Corporal
 - m. Emmie, a girl he met in Germany
- e. Leona Prescott
 - b.
- f. Grace Prescott
 - b.
- g. Ivy Prescott
 - b.
- h. Estelle Prescott
 - b.
 - m. C. A. Kent, Jr.
 - 1. Athalee Kent
 - m. Hugh Carroll
 - Both were graduated from Southeastern Louisiana State College, Hammond, La.
 - a. Kay Carroll
 - b. Sue Carroll
 - c. Kent Carroll
 - Hugh Carroll received M.A. degree from Univ. of Indiana
 - Served in World War II
 - 2. Lillian Kent
 - m. Houston C. Jenks
 - Both were graduated from Southeastern Louisiana State College

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

Houston C. Jenks, M.A. degree, Louisiana
State University

- a. Barbara Jenks
- b. Sylvia Jenks
- c. Charles Jenks
- d. David Jenks

i. Arthur Lynn Prescott, Sr.

Served in World War I

married -----

1. Arthur Lynn Prescott, Jr.

Served in World War II

c. Sarah Ann Prescott

b. Sept. 1827

d. Nov. 22, 1862

m. Aug. 3, 1845, Spencer Marcus Wilson, brother of Dr.
Pascal Wilson

1. George Washington Wilson

2. Pascal N. Wilson

3. Eliza Wilson

4. Mary Louise Wilson

m. Alonza Wall

a. Marcus L. Wall

m. Dolly Ricks

1. Elvie Wall

2. Vigla Wall (not clear)

3. Quincy Wall, served World War II

4. John Wall

5. Cloness Wall

6. Inez Wall

7. Genia Wall (Gevnia) (not clear)

8. Alon Wall

b. Malcolm, died young, single.

c. Guy Wall

m. Alice Hugh

1. Eugene Wall

2. Eva Wall

3. Verna Wall

4. William Wall

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- 5. Myrtis Wall
- 6. Mattie Lee Wall
- 7. Jessie Wall
- d. Fred Wall
 - m. Maggie McDaniel
 - 1. Edith Wall
 - 2. Ernest Wall
 - 3. Hugh Wall
 - 4. Woodrow Wall
 - 5. Lucille Wall

Several of the children of Fred and Maggie Wall were graduated from Southeastern La. College, Hammond, La.

- e. Mary (Mollie) Wall
 - m. Calvin Cockerham
 - 1. Bertie Cockerham
 - 2. Edmond Cockerham
- f. Ivy Wall
 - m. Eva Montgomery
 - 1. Malcolm Wall
 - 2. Spencer Wall
 - 3. Lois Wall
 - 4. Henry Wall
 - 5. Evalee Wall
 - 6. Evon Wall
 - 7. Elmer Wall
 - 8. Roy Wall
- g. Luther Wall
 - m. Mattie Cutrer
 - 1. Charles Wall
 - 2. Genamerle Wall
 - 3. Mildred Wall
 - 4. Elton Wall
 - Served in World War II
 - 5. Emil Wall
 - Served in World War II
 - 6. Levell Wall
 - 7. Geraldean Wall

Descendants of George Gordon and Wife Elizabeth

Several of the children of Luther and Mattie Wall were graduated from Southeastern La. College, Hammond, La.

h. Willie Wall

m. Corbet White (Corlbet)

1. Aulden
2. Hollis
3. Thomas
4. Brady
5. Dorothy Nell
6. Voncill
7. Corbet (Corlbet)
8. J. Y.

i. Golda Wall

m. Jesse Davis

1. Earl
2. Louie
3. Clyde
4. Mary Louise
5. Dorothy

j. Elois Wall

m. Lester Stanza

1. Elois
2. Henrietta
3. Emil
4. Arnill
5. Louis

5. Thomas Jefferson Wilson

m. 1st

m. 2nd

a. Spencer Alvie Wilson

m. Ruby Lee

1. Spencer Alvie Wilson, Jr.
Served in World War II Navy
2. Lowell Wilson

6. Ivy F. Wilson

11. Lorren Gordon

b. Jan. 16, 1803, Ky.

d. Sept. 12, 1813, La.

OUR GORDONS UNDER ARMS

*Who have performed gallant and noble service
for home and country*

LET NOT THEIR NAMES DEPART!

The list is not complete.

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Although Texas is not generally named among the states of the South, its roots lie deep in Southern blood and from the length and breadth of its utmost boundaries it is Southern to the core. History shows that its earliest colonists were mostly Southerners, and its heroes, Davy Crockett, Bowie, Travis, Fannin and others of the Alamo of whom we sing, were Southern men as was Sam Houston of San Jacinto.

After 1836 when Texas won its independence, colonists from the South continued to come and settle in all parts of Texas, and when the Southern States seceded from the Union, Texas was among the first to join them, and in the War between the States which followed, Texas was the last to lay down its arms.

Following the War, when the South lay prostrate with a wrecked economy under reconstruction, when most of what they had left was taken away and as there was no Marshall Plan that is the fashion now, west of them lay the State of Texas with its vast acres stretching its arms out to them and opening a way of hope for a new life and opportunities.

The railroads were going through the state, forming a network over Texas and hundreds, nay thousands of Southerners came, settling in all parts, bringing their culture with them. In East Texas they were felling the forests and clearing the land. Sawmills with small towns around them were built all along the railroads, from Texarkana to the Gulf Coast. The lumber was rolling out and homes were being built. The fertile black land of Central Texas attracted many and others chose the Western Plains for ranching. As more and more settlers came, schools, colleges, churches and orphanages were built as there was plenty of room for all, and small communities became towns and towns became cities. When Texas celebrated its Centennial in 1936, a typical Texan was said to have been Southern born and Western bred. At this later date there is hardly anything of importance, businesses, colleges, schools, orphanages, hospitals or other enterprises, that were not founded or built by people from the Southern States. It is also true that there is hardly

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a city or town of any size that does not have a Confederate monument, and the early graveyards of Texas are filled with the headstones of Confederate soldiers.

In traveling over the States of the old South today, it is unusual to meet anyone who will not say "We have relatives in Texas." Most of Texas' leaders, governors, senators, financiers and others, have been of Southern families. Among these settlers who built Texas have been many of our Gordons, who have taken prominent parts in building the communities in which they lived, holding important positions and contributing to the civic, cultural, religious and military life.

THE SOUTH AND SLAVERY

The institution of slavery existed in almost all of the states when the union was formed. Southerners protested against it to no avail. George Washington, a Virginian, was opposed to it and freed his slaves in his will. Thomas Jefferson, also a Virginian, did not like it and worried about the day when the slaves would be freed in mass and the effect it would have on the nation.

We are told, and the records show that when the northern states found that the slaves were not profitable for them and decided to do away with the institution, they did not free their slaves but sold them to the southern states. The people of the south were the only ones who did not get their money out of their slaves.

It is said that the very beginning of slavery in the colonies was an act of mercy. A Dutch Vessel in 1619 sailing the English flag sold to the Jamestown Colony the first twenty slaves. They were bought in a spirit of humanity as they were suffering horribly on the slave ship and the Jamestown settlers wanted to relieve their misery.

Thomas Jefferson urged in the Declaration of Independence that the slave trade be forbidden. John Adams of Massachusetts urged that that clause be omitted. Thomas Jefferson and all of our great southern men believed in and urged the gradual emancipation of the slaves. No southern man ever owned or commanded a slave ship, or ever went to Africa for slaves.

Negroes were not given land grants when they came to the United States. They were brought over as laborers. So many were brought to South Carolina that the people of that state protested against it. They feared them and asked for white labor but were given no relief, and there were some uprisings among the negroes.

Agriculture and the cultivation of the arable soil of the south needed labor. The climate was suitable for negroes and it was left to the south to take them and teach and train and civilize them.

Under the institution of slavery in the old south the negroes were not called slaves but were called servants and colored people. There

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was love between the people and their servants, the people were kind to them who were a part of their homes.

The servants were well fed, well clothed and well cared for by their owners. They were required to go to church and were taken in as members of the churches. There were no diseases among them. We are told that the only unkind treatment that the servants had was given to them by northern overseers who did not have the love for them that the southern people had. It is no wonder that a few years ago an old negro woman in Alabama said that her old aunt never allowed any one to say anything against slavery days. She said that they were the good old days. They had nothing to worry about. Their food, homes, medicine and everything needed was furnished them and a good place to work. She knew as she had been a slave herself.

Slavery in the southern states developed an aristocracy that was not based on money. It was gauged by manners and morals. Hospitality and the graces and charms of life were more important than money. Slavery brought freedom from drudgery and made gentlemen and gentlewomen. Southern men were the protectors of all women. The children and young people in the homes showed respect for their elders by saying "Yes Ma'am and No Ma'am" and "Yes Sir and No Sir," and this custom among the well bred is carried on in the south today. This was the old south's aristocracy.

Henry Grady said:

"In the honor held above state, in the hospitality that neither condescended nor cringed, in frankness and heartiness and wholesale comradeship, in reverence paid to womanhood and the inviolable respect in which woman's name was ever held, the civilization of the Old South has never been surpassed and perhaps never will again be equalled by any people or nation upon this globe."

Henry R. Jackson said:

"The stern glory of Sparta, the rich beauty of Athens, the splendor of Imperial Rome, the brilliancy of Ancient Carthage, all pale before the glories of the Old South, the South as our forefathers lived it, the South as Washington, Jefferson and Madison lived it, and last but not least as our Robert E. Lee lived it."

The South and Slavery

When the abolitionists were causing so much agitation over slavery, the feelings of the south concerning the institution can be found expressed no better than in Logan's History of the Upper Country of South Carolina, Vol. 1, date 1859, quoting from Bishop Elliott formerly of South Carolina College:

"It is well for Christians and philanthropists to consider whether by their interference with this institution they may not be checking and impeding a work which is manifestly providential. For nearly a hundred years the English and American churches have been trying to Christianize and civilize western Africa, and with what result? Around Sierra Leone and in the neighborhood of Cape Palmas a few natives have been made Christians, and some nations have been partially civilized, but what a small number in comparison with the thousands, nay, I may say millions, who have learned the way to heaven and who have been made to know their Saviour through the means of African slavery. At this very moment there are from three to four millions of Africans educating for earth and for heaven in the so vilified southern states, educating a thousand ways of which the world knows nothing, educating in our nurseries, in our chambers, in our parlors, in our workshops, in our fields, as in our churches, learning the very best lessons for a semibarbarous people. . . . So far from the institution degrading the negro and keeping him in degradation, it has elevated him in a scale of being above his nature and race."

The War between the States was not fought over slavery. Not more than twenty per cent of the people of the south owned slaves, the others cared little or nothing about them. Many of the slave owners were gradually freeing their slaves. Robert E. Lee freed all of his slaves before he took command of the southern armies. Grant's wife kept her slaves until the war ended.

On the battlefields it is said that when northern soldiers asked southern soldiers why they were fighting when they owned no slaves, their answer was "because you are on our land, we want you to get off." From Sumter to Appomattox the answers were always the same, "get off of our land and let us alone."

We are told, also, that at any time during the war from its beginning to near its close, that slavery could have been saved by the south's returning to the Union.

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Slavery was the immediate cause but not the sole cause of the War between the northern and the southern states.

The war was presaged by theories of the framers of the constitution. The followers of two contending forces battled in arguments in legislative halls over the rights and powers of the states and general government down through the years. The contention of the south was that the rights and powers not delegated were reserved to the states as set forth in the constitution, and as the north could not agree with them and no settlement could be made, the south claimed that they had not surrendered their independence by joining the Union and set up a government of their own by seceding from the Union. This the north called treason and said that the preservation of the Union was essential to life and liberty. The north needed the south, they needed its rivers, its waterways and harbors, especially the interior states. The south was in earnest and since no settlement could be made between the north and south, nothing was left for them to do but to take up arms against one another.

The southern youth and manhood stood ready to fight for their inherited convictions, and rushed with unanimity to the front to defend their rights and land and homes, and for four long years held out against a foe that was superior in numbers and equipment, and of whom it is said by some, should have won the war in a few months' time.

Lincoln, we are told, was a good man; that being so, nothing more attests the valor and heroism of the southern soldiers than the tactics used by his armies. He must have been desperate when he permitted them to burn the cities and homes of the southern people and leave the women and children wandering in the streets with nothing but chimneys standing where their homes once stood.

There are people in the south today who believe that if the south had been let alone, the Union would have been saved, the negro would have been freed by gradual emancipation, the rights of the states would have been preserved. There would be no race problem today, and the saddest war of all, brother against brother, would never have been fought.

ALLIED FAMILIES

WILL OF JAMES MILLER, SR. AMITE CO., MISS.
JULY 4, 1826

The last will and testament of James Miller, Senr. of the State of Mississippi and County of Amite, Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory blest be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, first I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lydia, all my real estate and all my personal property, to wit, Samuel, Tracy, Lucy, Sarah and Edward together with all my household and chicken furniture, all the stock and farming utensils to hold the same in possession during her life or widowhood, and at the expiration of that time I wish all my property to be divided equal between my lawful heirs except my daughters Demcy and Marian Miller who I give one hundred dollars each their beds, furniture and clothing more than an equal division—I will that my farm should be kept up under the direction of my administrators and they are at liberty to sell any surplus property arising from the stock or farm when they may see a sale would be profitable to the heirs and let the money out on interest during the life of my wife, also to sell my land that lies on Bogue Chitto Washington Parish Louisiana State whenever they may meet with an opportunity letting the money out on interest as before mentioned—and I do hereby appoint Moses Miller and Aaron Miller my sole administrators of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six. Signed, sealed published and declared by the above named James Miller to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator.

James Miller, Sr.

Zachariah Lea
T. Holden
Obed Nixon

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File 124 Court of Chancery Clerk, Amite County, Mississippi

Lydia Miller, wife of James Miller, Sr. late deceased voluntarily agrees to take a child's part and renounces all claims to bequests of the last will of her deceased husband James Miller, Sr.

Signing were—Lydia Miller, James Miller, Mary Gordon, Rebecca Griffin, John Lewis (or Law) (not definite) Ann Gordon, Demcy Miller, Moses Clark, Marian Turner, Moses Miller, Aaron Miller, Abner Miller, John M. Miller.

January 7, 1828

Witness Jehu Wall

James Miller Sr.'s Rev. War services have been established with the Daughters of the American Revolution by Mrs. B. D. Marshall (Erminie Northcutt Marshall) D. A. R. No. 295878.

James Miller's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the Revolutionary War were—

Militia Duty as Private since the reduction of Charleston to Colonel Anderson's return.

Ref. Indent No. 130 Book T. Indent No. 131, Book T No. 54, Dep't of Archives, Columbia, S. C.

James Miller Sr.'s place of residence during the Rev. War was Edgefield Dist., South Carolina.

CHILDREN OF JAMES MILLER, SR. AND WIFE LYDIA:

James Miller, Jr. born about 1774, married probably Elizabeth in S.C.

Mary Miller born about 1784 married 1802 John Gordon in Kentucky.

Rebecca Miller married Dec. 24, 1814 in Louisiana, Samuel Griffin.

Ann Miller born Jan. 20, 1786, S.C., married Thomas Gordon Mar. 28, 1804 in Kentucky, Livingston Co.

Demcy Miller married 1st Lawrence Dillon, 2nd Seth Grandberry. Elizabeth Miller married Moses Clark.

Marian Miller married Dec. 24, 1827, Amite Co., Miss. Balis Turner.

Moses Miller married Elizabeth Gordon Feb. 3, 1814.

Aaron Miller born Dec. 1, 1778 S.C., married 1st Mary Black 1815 in La., married 2nd Sarah Sanders.

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Abner Miller

John Moffett Miller married 1st Ann Meazles in Louisiana, St. Tammany Parish, La. Book 1, Covington, La. Married 2nd widow Mary Mullican on Oct. 18, 1826, Copiah Co., Miss.

Daughter married John Lewis or Law, not definite.

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| 1. | Original Entry (Land Patents) Aaron Miller | Page 32 | |
| | Sec. 22 T I R 2 West | 80 acres | |
| | Dated Feb. 10, 1824 | | |
| 2. | Original Entry Sec. 221, 2 West | 160 acres | 32 |
| | Feb. 6, 1835 | | |
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| | Jan. 30, 1837 | | |
| 4. | Original Entry Sec. 28, T I R 2 West | 120 acres | 33 |
| | Jan. 7, 1835 | | |
| 5. | Original Entry Sec. 33 T I R 2 West | 240 acres | 34 |
| | Aug. 20, 1836 | | |
| 6. | Original Entry Sec. 34 T I R 2 West | 80 acres | 34 |
| | Jan. 30, 1836 | | |
| 7. | 240 acres in Sec. 21, T I R 2 West | 240 acres | 31 |
| | Dec. 1, 1825 | | |
| 8. | 240 acres in Sec. 21 T I R 2 West | 240 acres | 31 |
| | Oct. 3, 1836 | | |
| 9. | Deed Books Book D—page 69 | | |
| | Seth Granberry Admr. Estate Jeremiah Jones to Aaron Miller | | |
| | 40 acres S. end Sec. 22 T I R 2 West and Sec. 27 T I R 2 West | 120 acres | |
| | Jan. 3, 1833 | | |
| 10. | Book K, page 49 | | |
| | Gideon Fitz and wife, Mary, to Aaron Miller | 80 acres | |
| | W ½ N W P Sec. 34 T I R 2 West | | |
| | May 11, 1841 | | |
| 11. | Book M, page 140 | | |
| | Wesley Pitts to Aaron Miller | | |
| | Part of Sec. 28 T I R 2 W. | 120 acres | |
| | Oct. 5, 1850 | | |

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| 12. Book C, page 244 | |
| Jeremiah James to Aaron Miller | |
| Part of Sec. 25, T I R 2 W. | 40 acres |
| 13. Book R, page 200 | |
| William Miller to Martha Miller-Aaron Miller | |
| Part of Sec. 22 T I R 2 W | 240 acres |
| Aug. 17, 1859 | |
| Total | 1880 acres |

PETITION IN SUCCESSION OF THOMAS HOLDEN

P. D. No. 638, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana

TO THE HONORABLE JAMES TAYLOR, Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, presiding in and for the Parish of Natchitoches.

The petition of Charles Holden a citizen of the Parish of Natchitoches Respectfully Represents:

That his father Thomas Holden died entestate sometime since in your said Parish leaving a considerable Estate in said Parish in community with his widow, Madame Elizabeth Holden now residing in said Parish consisting of lands, twelve or fifteen slaves, horses, cattle, household furniture, et al.

That said Thomas Holden left surviving the following named heirs: John Holden, Mary Gordon, Sarah Wall with five minor children—Emily Nesom-Lamenda Allen with two minor children, Margaret Carter wife of Isaac Carter—Drucilla Nesom, Julia Carter wife of Marion Carter, Lucretia Montgomery and Charles Holden.

That in order to settle said succession it is necessary that an inventory and appraisement be made of all the effects thereof and an administrator appointed.

That some of said heirs are absentees—

Petition prays that Counsel be appointed to represent them that the minor children are orphans and he prays the appointment of tutors and under tutors for them.—

Petition further prays that his said mother Madame Elizabeth Holden be allowed the legal delay to deliberate and determine whether she will accept or renounce the community which existed between her and her said deceased husband.

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Petition prays that your Honor will cause an inventory and appraisal to be made of all of said property belonging to said estate in the manner prescribed by law and that your petitioner be appointed administrator of said succession.

Petitioner prays for all other requisite orders and (illegible) and for general relief. And as in duty bound will ever pray.

J. A. Ragan
Att'y of Petitioner

Succession of Thomas Holden deceased. Charles Holden applies for administrator. Notice in French and English posted on Court house door, Sept. 29, 1849.

Witnesses F. H. _____, J. A. Ragan

Thomas Holden

No. 638

Charles Holden

to

Probate Court

Petition Filed Sept. 27th, 1849

Clerk's Office, Dist. Court

Natchitoches Parish, La.

Sept. 27th, 1849

Ragan Atty

Thomas Holden who died in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana 1849 was the son of Thomas Holden, Sr. who died in Amite Co., Miss.

Thomas Holden, Sr. served in the Revolutionary War in Captain Hughes Co., Col. Brandon's Regiment, South Carolina. Indent at Department of Archives, Columbia, S.C. His Rev. War services have been established by Miss Berenice Northcutt with the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her D.A.R. Number 318187.

A D.A.R. Chapter in Marshall, Texas has been named for Thomas Holden, Sr.

Thomas Holden, Sr.'s place of residence during the Rev. War was Laurens District, South Carolina.

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